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Albany police solve record number of cases

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — If statistics don't lie, then Albany is becoming a terrible place to commit a robbery, according to police reports.

The Albany Police Department solved 17 out of 25 robbery cases committed during the first three months of 1996, a clearance rate nearly twice that of 1995 and more than four times the national average. The higher arrest rate can be attributed to increased interdepartmental communication as well as a good rapport with law enforcement officers in other jurisdictions, said Acting Police Chief Bill Palmini.

The department also solved eight robbery cases from 1995 which were committed on the BART path in Albany by two youths from the Richmond/San Pablo area.

According to Albany Police Detective Kevin Horn, who has been in charge of robbery investigations since January, the higher arrest rate can be attributed to increased communication between investigative and patrol officers and a better rapport between Albany police and law enforcement officers in other jurisdictions. By reading teletypes and keeping the lines of communication open with other agencies, Horn said, similarities in crimes committed in different jurisdictions can be recognized more easily.

"They know about my cases and I know about theirs," said Horn, who also stressed the importance of keeping patrol officers informed as to who and what to look for.

In addition to the 17 arrests for crimes committed in 1996, police also arrested two youths from the Richmond/San Pablo area who are suspected of committing eight robberies in 1995 on the BART path in Albany, mostly of other teenagers. According to Horn, the youths would ride past potential victims on their bikes, ask them what time it was. then rob them at knife point or by threat of their money, watches, and bicycles. The two are also suspected of similar crimes on the BART path in Berkeley and El Cerrito. No one was injured in any of the incidents, Horn said.

Robbery, which is considered the taking of personal property by force or by threat, is one of the most dangerous street-level crimes, Palmini said. "It's a one-on-one situation where anything can happen," he said.

There were 61 robberies reported in Albany in 1995, 23 of which have now been solved. In 1994 there were 50 robberies and 22 arrests.

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EQPP Co-Chair Helen Munch lays on the ground with simulated third-degree burns at the command post of the 900 block of Carmel Street during the city's annual earthquake drill.

Chester King Vega

Mock earthquake hits Albany

ALBANY — Members of city government and the Albany Earth Quake Preparedness Program teamed up to host a city-wide earthquake preparedness drill last Saturday, involving over 100 neighborhood groups participating in either a table top exercise or a functional drill.

Many of the activities involved "mock" victims requiring first aid or emergency response. Neighborhood volunteers assisted "victims," assessed the safety of their neighborhood and acted as runners carrying messages to city staff at the Emergency Operations Center. Requests for emergency service were prioritized at the center, where ambulances and fire trucks were dispatched to the various neighborhood staged emergencies. Boy Scouts set up a "mock" first aid station at Marin Elementary School and prepared to assist in transporting the injured.

The staged earthquake hit Albany at 10 a.m. and was part of a Bay Area-wide mock earthquake drill. The drill also allowed the city to test new equipment at the Emergency Operations Center and work with EQPP volunteers in establishing city-wide emergency communications.

The Albany Earth Quake Preparedness Program (EQPP) and the city of Albany used the drill to practice emergency skills and improve earthquake preparedness. Individuals participating in the drill prepared for the staged emergency by completing a variety of first aid, search and resue and earthquake preparedness training classes offered by the Albany Fire Department.

Following the drill/exrcise block captains met to evaluate the effectiveness of the drill and establish future earthquake preparedness activities.

El Cerrito survey results released

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — The results of the "Neighbor to Neighbor" public opinion survey, "A Conversation with El Cerrito," are in. Consultant Jennifer D. Franz presented the survey's final report to the El Cerrito City Council at its April 15 meeting. She found little statistical difference between citizens' opinions expressed in 1996 with those found in a similar study in 1990.

The survey covered a number of different areas of public opinion, from the "importance of new services" (the N.E.A.T. disaster preparedness program, fire hazard reduction activities and the Youth Liason police program) to the extent respondents would feel save in El Cerrito's commercial areas after dark.

Only 13.7 percent of survey respondents had ever attended a city meeting; 67 percent could not name any city council members.

In the first case, all three services were viewed as being of substantial importance to the city. Results in the latter instance show that respondents were least likely to feel safe on San Pablo Avenue or Cutting Boulevard near the Del Norte BART station and that in all four designated areas, including San Pablo Avenue near Moeser Lane, El Cerrito Plaza and the Fairmont commercial area, none of the areas were rated as "somewhat safe." (Fairmont came very close.)

Some audience members reacted in surprise to the answer to one group of questions. Only 13.7 percent of the survey respondents had ever attended any city meeting; 67 percent could not name any city council members.

Those who do get information about the city most often receive it from the newspaper (70 percent) or from city recreation brochures (61.3 percent). The next highest information category was "friends" (36.3 percent).

Respondents pay "most attention" to the news-

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'Senior Soar' comes to El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — Local seniors have a great new opportunity available to them at the Open House Senior Center. It's all thanks to one man with a vision — and a little help from his friends.

At an official kick-off celebration April 8 (marked by a great old car parade), the senior center became the first site for "SeniorSoar!" a new computer access program Lynn Sims hopes will be the model for a national movement.

Sims retired from the banking profession after 29 years. He was well-known as the "rock 'n roll banker," providing financing and banking services to many members of the entertainment industry all over the Bay Area.

"I hung up my calculator and taught myself how to use the computer," says Sims, a man of energy and varied interests, who wanted to do it right.

"I spent a year teaching myself, talking to people, reading books, staying up until 4 in the morning. It was fun."

Sims started 'surfing the Web' and began to see the value of it, from an educational, recreational and social point of view. He knew there were many practical applications available for people who knew how to access them.

On the other hand, he said, "I also saw the technophobia holding people back."

Sims ended up participating in Net Day March 11; a friend was co-sponsor for the event, which drew the support of President Bill Clinton and Vice-president Al Gore.

"The next day, I walked into the senior center in Berkeley my great aunt attended and found that there were no computers available."

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Working for a better watershed

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Residents were given a glimpse of an environment friendly future and then urged to band together to make that future a reality at the Albany Watershed Forum.

In what might be one of the first steps toward forming a strong, citizen-based watershed lobby in Albany, more than 25 people gathered at the Albany Community Center last Thursday to sip coffee and juice and talk about restoring local creeks. Speakers included Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, a water resources manager from the Alameda County Clean Water Program and the Education Director from the San Francisco Estuary Institute.

The meeting, which many saw as a passing of the environmental torch to the people, was organized by the city and by the Americorps WaterWatch program, which has been actively cleaning Albany's creeks since October.

Speaking first was Robert Hale, water resources manager for the Alameda County Clean Water program. Citing the fact that urban stormwater runoff accounts for more than half of the pollution in the Bay, Hale said that creek restoration and increased public awareness are two of the best ways to prevent such contamination.

The problem, said Hale, lies in the fact that each time it rains, motor oil, pesticides and other pollutants wash

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Yaeng Saeng Xayavong, Sara Tin, both 13, and Thuiy Ho, 12, (left to right) cleared weeds on Moeser Lane during last Saturday's Earth Day cleanup.

Keeping it green

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — The city of El Cerrito's hands-on approach to Earth Day was a success again this year. Consultant Joèl Witherell, formerly community services manager for the city, reported that over 430 citizens participated in various improvement activities around the city, including residents, business persons and city staff members donating their Saturday mornings.

"The group working on the Ohlone Creek gathered about 20 cubic yards of debris," said Witherell. "They did an amazing job."

Witherell was referring to a cleanup project along the Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way property just south of the Lucky store at Macdonald Avenue.

Another "amazing achievement" occurred at Cerrito Vista Park, he said, where leaves, weeds, shrub trimmings and litter collected from the park, the Pomona street border and the Contra Costa

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Letters to the Editor

Making a better experience

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to the Albany City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission:

The Northern Alameda County Group of the San Francisco Bay Chapter - Sierra Club has reviewed the plans for the Buchanan Street portion of the Bay Trail. We are pleased that completion of this critical piece of the trail is moving forward. At this time we have the following recommendations:

1) The screening slats on the barrier fence overlooking the mudflats should be removed for the eight or nine months of the year when migratory birds are not present.

2) Seven or eight accessible seating areas should be provided in both the western and eastern portions of the trail. In the eastern portion of the trail, these areas should be located in the tree planters south of the trail.

The eastern seating areas should be raised 2 to 3 feet above the trail in order to see over the barrier fence. (Steve Foreman, the biologist for RMI, Inc., determined that this area was beyond the range where pedestrian activity would affect the migratory or local bird populations.) These raised seating areas need to be accessible to wheelchairs and might utilize a portion of the trail for ramping.

3) During the season when screening slats on the barrier fence are in place, accessible view ports should be provided in those locations determined to be non-detrimental to the bird population. (Steve Foreman indicated that there are at least two such areas.)

Our recommendations are related to making the Bay Trail a more bay-oriented experience that all people may enjoy. By maintaining the barrier fence and preserving the views for most of the year, everyone will be able to appreciate the beauty and significance of our local bird populations in their wetland and upland environment.

Toni Loveland
Vice-Chair,
Northern Alameda
County Group

Bring back high school programs

Editor:

The Albany School District currently has some tough decisions to make regarding funding this year, as it has every year since cutbacks crippled our schools. The School Board is considering allocations to begin restoring important programs that were cut in the past. Without this funding, the situation at the High School could go from bleak to hopeless.

Everyone agrees that we have good grammar here. But at the High School, which should be the high point of our children's education, programs have dwindled to pathetic levels. I personally have encountered over a dozen families who transferred to other schools for one reason: The academic climate and activities at Albany High School are below community standards.

For example, it is a high school without a student newspaper or literary magazine, without an orchestra, without a jazz band, without a performing arts program, without a debate team, without an adequate library, and with minimal foreign language, computer science, and vocational programs.

Albany will never be able to offer the diversity and richness which larger districts may offer. But we can have a sound, attractive and interesting program which will satisfy student needs.

In the future, our community must be willing to fund programs which have been cut through additional tax revenues and through organizations such as the Albany Education Foundation. Perhaps the meager parcel tax should be increased. For now, the School Board must seek to restore what was lost before instituting brand-new programs, such as the "Ninth Grade Renewal" or J.V. Soccer.

The issue of pay increases for teachers is also difficult. Teachers are underpaid and cost-of-living increases should be automatic. But this year we have to improve the quality of the program at the High School. Teachers will benefit by keeping good students here in their classrooms. Parents will then back teachers up during contract negotiations — if we can restore a basic quality education for the children.

Peter Hobart Albany

What we owe

Editor:

Still time to hesitate before opting for self-destruction.

We "senior seniors" owe it to our world, nation, children, youth, all terrified by the ruthless stance of the kid-glove fascists, the far-out, violence-prone Christian right, the "contractors" on Americans, from El Cerrito to Salt Lake City, and many communities in between.

So we join hands, people of good faith, and support the 21st-century Democrats. The truth will come out. Those who seek a return to cow paths and bicycles built for two should be invited to march back to the turn of the century. Surely, the Dole, Buchanan, Campbell,Gingrich, etc., forces, wherever they are, deserve each other.

So be it!

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Hard won decisions

Editor:

A petition is being circulated in Albany to put provisions in the City Charter which would severely restrict the ability of City Council members to remove members of committees or commissions. It has the potential, if enacted, to involve the city in expensive legal proceedings.

In a recent letter to *The Journal,* two supporters of the petition said that they want to "depoliticize the removal process." How can you depoliticize something that is inherently part of the political process? And why would you want to?

Members of the City Council are elected by the voters, and are responsible to the voters for their actions. Members of committees and commissions are appointed by City Council members. They should be responsible to City Council members for their actions.

This ridlculous "use a sledgehammer to swat a fly" charter proposal arises from the fact that Councilmember Elizabeth Baker reviewed her appointments and decided that it was in the best interest of the city to make two changes. Any citizen has a right to disagree with her decision. But that is not a reason to take away her right to make the decision.

Council members are elected to govern. One of the ways they govern is by naming committees and commissions.

Having exercised what she saw as not only her right, but her duty, Councilmember Baker was subjected to angry and venomous personal attacks which went quite a bit beyond the boundaries of normal debate in City Council chambers. To her credit, she did not reply in kind. A majority of the City Council supported her right to do what she was elected to do.

One last question: Why would anyone with any self-respect want to remain on a committee after being told by the council member who appointed him or her that a change was desired?

Bob Arnold
Albany

Unappreciated celebration

Editor:

Chief among the reasons my wife and I enjoy living in Albany is the quiet we enjoy at home. We both work very hard, and (since we don't have children yet) sometimes we sleep late on a Saturday or Sunday morning to rest up after a busy week.

Imagine my astonishment at 9:30 this morning (Saturday, March 30), as I was quietly working at my desk so as not to awaken my sleeping wife, who was sick in bed. A series of random siren blasts convinced me that there was a fire in my neighborhood, although the spasmodic nature of the barrage of noise was not consistent with a real emergency.

As the noise grew closer,and I was wondering whether my wife could go back to sleep after such a rude awakening, with its concomitant howling of neighborhood dogs, a platoon of kilt-clad men marched down the middle of our street (Jackson Street) with braying bagpipes heralding their arrival. They were accompanied by emergency vehicles punctuating the Scottish tune with gleeful whoops of their sirens, and celebrants proudly honking the horns of their shiny and expensive automobiles.

Now, I appreciate the work that our fine peace officers and firefighters do throughout the year.

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Police Reports

Albany firefighters extinguish two car fires

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the afternoon of April 13 Albany officers and Albany firefighters responded to a vehicle fire on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue and found a 1991 Jeep Cherokee with a fire in the passenger area. Firefighters forced open the door and extinguished the fire which appeared to have been caused by a cigarette which ignited some newspapers under the seat.

• On the night of April 14 Albany officers and Albany firefighters responded to report of a car on fire on Pierce Street. They found a car fully engulfed in flames, along with the surrounding brush, which had been reported as stolen from Union City earlier in the day. Firefighters extinguished the flames and the car was towed.

• On the morning of April 15 thieves stole a brown 1985 Chevy Monte Carlo from a parking garage on the 500 block of Pierce Street. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of April 21 Vacaville police notified Albany police that they had located the car. The owner was notified.

• On the morning of April 15 three 15-year-old Albany boys reported that while they were on a break at Albany High School they were approached by a black male, 16 to 17 years old, 5-feet 10-inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, wearing a black and yellow Notre Dame windbreaker and blue jeans, who demanded they give up their wallets and money. When one of the boys hesitated he was struck in the face and his wallet was taken. The other two boys showed that their wallets were empty and were allowed to keep them. The thief then entered a blue car and departed.

On the afternoon of April 15 two Albany boys, ages 12 and 13 reportedly attacked another 12-year-old Albany boy and hit and kicked him while on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue. They fled the area but were stopped by police, identified by the boy and witnesses and arrested.

• At about 3 a.m. on April 16 Albany officers contacted a man in possession of a bike which had been stolen from a residence on the 800 block of Solano Avenue. The thief had sawed apart the wooden railing which the bike was secured to. He was arrested.

• At about 12:45 a.m. on April 17 Albany officers assisted Berkeley police in chasing down and arresting a man suspected in a car jacking who was reportedly armed with a handgun. The chase went from Ashby Avenue north on I-80 to the Central Avenue exit where the vehicle left the freeway. It then hit the island and a sign. The driver was arrested by Richmond police and a pellet gun was found in the stolen vehicle.

• On the afternoon of April 17 vandals used a felt marker to deface a 1989 Dodge van parked on the 1200 block of Bl... Avenue and a car on Th... Oaks near the high school. ... were no witnesses.

• On the afternoon of ... 18 a school official at Al... High School was attacked ... attempting to break up a ... between some girls. The at... attempted to flee but was ... tained by Albany officers ... was arrested.

• On the night of Ap... Albany officers and Al... firefighters responded to ... of smoke on the 1300 blo... Solano Avenue. They fou... fire in a rear structure and ... guished it.

• On the evening of Ap... a thief stole a gray 1994 H... Civic which was parked o... 900 block of Kains Ave... There were no witnesses.

• At about 8:40 p.m. on ... 20 Albany officers respond... a report from UC police th... car had just been stolen fro... University Village. Officers ... served the car traveling ... on Pierce Street and stopp... near Central Avenue. The ... was taken into custody ... turned over to the Unive... police at the scene.

• During the week of Ap... Albany officers fingerpr... three people at their re... towed one car, responded ... false alarms, attended to s... or deceased animals, assist... people who were locked ... their car, and responded t... report of a barking dog.

Suspect hits Richmond woman, steals her purs...

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — A Richmond woman exiting her car in a parking lot in the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard was approached by a man who asked her for a cigarette. When she looked down, he struck her in the eye and stole her purse. The incident took place at 1:57 p.m. April 13. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s, 5-feet 9-inches tall, of medium weight, wearing a white or gray T-shirt and black pants.

• A Richmond woman was arrested at 5:39 p.m. April 18 for forcing a purse from a Pinole woman. The victim suffered minor injuries during the struggle.

• A Richmond male juvenile was detained after running from a vehicle suspected of being stolen. The young man was arrested in a lot in the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue at 9:28 a.m. April 4 and was determined to be under the influence of marijuana. The car cleared in the system.

• An El Cerrito male juvenile fled after a stop made on Liberty Street at Eureka at 3:47 p.m. April 5. He was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle. Another male suspect escaped.

• Two Richmond male juveniles were arrested at 1:38 a.m. April 17 at Potrero Avenue and South 53rd Street for possession of a stolen vehicle.

• Outgoing mail was stolen from a mailbox in the 5600 block of Poinsett March 22; it was later altered and cashed in San Francisco.

Theft of outgoing mail was also reported in the 400 block of Kearney (taken April 9) and the 2600 block of Tamalpais (taken April 2; subsequently altered and cashed).

• Seven arrests were made for driving under the influence: a Richmond woman at San Pablo and Blake (1:45 a.m., April 6), a Davis man at San Pablo at Knott (1:30 a.m., April 7), an Oakland man at Carlson and Central (5:08 a.m., April 7), a Richmond woman on San Pablo between Hill and Cutting (1:29 a.m., April 9), a San Rafael man on San Pablo between Macdonald and Cutting (11:26 p.m., April 10), a San Pablo man at San Pablo and Wall (12:46 a.m., April 15), and a Richmond man at Wenk Avenue and San Pablo (1:30 a.m., April 17).

• Jewelry, cash, electronic items, firearms and miscellaneous items were taken from a home in the 2900 block of Carlson during the daytime or evening of April 1. No entryway was forced open; a key acquired from a stolen auto may have been used.

• A purse was taken from inside an open front door in another residential burglary. The theft took place between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. April ... the 2500 block of Tamalpa...

• An attempted vehicle ... was reported in the 800 blo... Everett Street between A... and 6. Someone tried to ... an 1988 Buick Regal.

• A hanging plant was ... from a porch in the 800 blo... Liberty Street between Ap... and 12.

• Four aluminum wheels ... taken from a carport in the ... block of Oakland Street ... the night of April 8.

• Three tires were slash... a vehicle parked in the 600 ... of Clayton Avenue during ... night of April 12.

• A tire was punctured ... 6000 block of Central betw... April 8 and 9.

• A Richmond woman ... arrested at Long's on the ... noon of April 1 for the fou... altering of a prescription.

• A Richmond man was ... rested for driving without ... cense at San Pablo and Cu... at 3:30 a.m. April 1.

• Three cases of domestic ... lence were reported.

• Thirteen arrests were ... at Target for shoplifting: ... Richmond female juveniles, ... Richmond male juveniles, ... El Cerrito female juvenile, ... Richmond man, a Berkeley ... an Oakland man, an Oak... woman, a Vallejo woman ... Lafayette woman.

Newsline

High school events on TV

ALBANY — Albany High School events will be featured on television this spring, with four programs scheduled to air on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. on Century Cable channel 17.

The Spring Semester Season includes:

April 25: The Superintendent's Concert, repeat cablecast on May 2.

May 9: The DARE Program, repeat cablecast on May 16.

May 23: To be announced, repeat cablecast on May 30.

June 6: Albany High School Student Documentaries, repeat cablecast June 13.

Spring art show coming

EL CERRITO — The 1996 annual El Cerrito Art Show will kick off Friday, May 3 with a champagne opening at the El Cerrito Community Center, from 7 to 9 p.m. at 7007 Moeser Lane.

The show is sponsored by the El Cerrito Art Association and El Cerrito Community Services, will continue on Saturday, May 4 from noon to 5 p.m. and conclude on Sunday, May 5 from noon to 4 p.m. with a reception and awards at 3 p.m.

Admission is free.

Free jazz at Hilltop

WEST COUNTY — Hilltop Shopping Center will present a free jazz show this Saturday, April 27. The afternoon event will feature Jules Broussard and a drawing will be held for a trip to Maui, including round trip airfare for two from the Bay Area and seven nights/eight days hotel accommodations.

Chairty bridge game

Substituting for the Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. game, the Berkeley-El Cerrito-Richmond Unit of ACBL (BER) will be holding a Charity Pair Game at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Entry fees are $5 per person, of which $1 goes to charity. Finally, on Saturday, May 18, BER will hold a two-session Swiss team event, including a barbecue between sessions.

The event begins at noon and ends about 10 p.m. Entry fees are $40 per tearn (of four to six), plus $4 for the barbecue.

Call 525-2516 for more information.



Whitewater rafting adventure

Albany teens took part in an ambitious spring break trip on April 18 when 11 Teen Center members and two center staff members rafted the South Fork of the American River. Teen Center members focused on teamwork and cooperation throughout their 9-mile journey down the river. Taking a break between rapids are (left to right) Graham Vittum, Rachel Wiley, Claire Sheldon, Russell Gonzalvez, Manuel Guima and Ian Tomkins.

Street resurfacing impacts storm drains

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — An asphalt overlay placed on one section of Terrace Drive has improved the street's "rideability" and its aesthetics. It has also slightly reduced the ability of the gutter areas to carry drainage water during rainstorms.

Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager Mori Struve sent a letter to neighboring residents April 4, describing how the curb to curb resurfacing has cut down the gutter's capacity to carry water in some areas.

Struve told residents that some reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks has already been ordered for the 7500 block of Terrace. Other needed work will be conducted in the next fiscal year, he said.

"We are aware that more work will have to be done in front of other properties to prevent water from topping the curb and entering private properties," he said.

Because the rainy season is nearing its end, however, the city does not anticipate problems with street drainage water entering private properties in that way. Should rain occur, however, the city has offered to provide affected residents with sandbags to keep water out of their property.

Work is expected to begin on the affected curbs, gutters and sidewalks in August or September.

The overlay was placed on Terrace Drive from Stockton Avenue to Galvin Drive as part of this year's street resurfacing program.

City seeks lighting funds

City staff members continue to seek out grant funding possibilities for lighting improvements along the Ohlone Greenway. The need for additional lighting has been a repeated topic at the recent "Neighbor to Neighbor" meetings at which residents have been asked to raise their concerns and suggestions about city services.

A recent grant application was denied; another possible source has been identified and is being investigated.

Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

The class size quandry

Recently, the Oakland teachers' strike and decisions of the San Francisco school board highlighted the problem of class size reduction. California has the dubious distinction of providing the largest class sizes in the country.

Class sizes rise and fall through decisions of the local school boards, negotiating with teachers' unions. Some communities — Berkeley is one — vote for parcel taxes to support smaller class sizes. Without such a specific tax, however, class size can be one more issue on the table when the time comes to bargain over teacher salaries and benefits.

Parents and educators agree that large classes hamper learning and teacher effectiveness. Class size, in fact, is cited again and again as one of the most important factors in school quality. Nevertheless, administrators tend to negotiate for larger classes, because the district's major funding from the state is calculated according to the number of students in daily attendance. (This state money is called ADA —average daily attendance— and makes up the bulk of a district's general funds.)

In simplest terms, if my district has 3,000 students and my class size is 30, I pay 100 teacher salaries. If my class size is 25, I will need to pay 120 teacher salaries on the same ADA from the state — a less attractive business proposition, and perhaps not even possible, depending on the benefits and salaries my district has negotiated.

In addition to providing extra teachers, I must also provide 20 extra classroom spaces for the smaller classes.

Reducing class size, therefore, strains a district's resources. This is why we saw, a few weeks ago, the perplexing spectacle of two major teacher's unions expressing dissatisfaction with their school boards: the one for suddenly reducing class size, and the other for not reducing class size quickly enough.

In San Francisco, teachers are concerned that programs may be cut to pay for class size reduction, while in Oakland teachers have felt for many years that the quality of their schools has suffered due to large classes.

Albany's present class size in elementary through middle school is 28 children per class, with the possibility of "overage" to create classes as large as 31 students. Teachers given overage are compensated with aide money, so that an aide can help with the extra workload.

High schools count class size differently. On average, an AHS teacher will see five class periods per day, and the size of these classes

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Obituary

Bernard E. Johnson

Funeral services were held Monday for Bernard E. (Johnnie) Johnson who died peacefully April 18 in Berkeley. He was the beloved husband of Bernice Johnson.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January. He is also survived by his beloved children Barbara Camocho of San Diego, Beverly Feusier of Moraga and Bernard Johnson Jr. of Culver City. Sons in law Fernado Camacho and Mario Feusier; grandchildren Lisa Lozano, Mario Feusier Jr., Fernado Jr. and Armando Camacho. He was the great grandfather of Madeline, Sophia and Amelia Lozano.

A 50-year resident of Albany, Mr. Johnson retired from the Albany Police Department after 26 years of service. He was known to many as "Bernie," "Johnnie," "The-Law," and "Officer Johnson." Albany High School students sometimes called him "Barney Fife."

"Officer Johnson" headed the Junior Traffic Patrol for many years. He escorted Cornell Elementary School students across San Pablo and Solano svenues before the traffic signals were installed. He taught traffic safety to kindergarten and primary students using an over-sized traffic signal on his visits for the "Officer Bill" program which informed the students about police officers and their work.

Mr. Johnson was in charge of the Bicycle Bureau and operated the radar unit since the police department purchased its first set in 1958. He also served as the president of Albany's Civil Service Club. Two of his fondest memories were of the times he recovered a stolen bicycle for a very young boy and the day he helped to deliver a baby.

Mr. Johnson loved and took his work seriously. In 1957, he was involved in a high-speed chase of two men wanted for robbery, burglary, kidnapping, auto theft and attempted murder. One of the suspect's bullets crashed through the windshield spraying splinters of glass over Mr. Johnson's face, missing his forehead by millimeters. He received a commendation from the City of Albany for performance beyond the call of duty. It seemed he never forgot a license or phone number thanks to his incredible talent of remembering even minute details.



Bernard E. Johnson

In 1959-60, Mr. Johnson and his wife shared Presidency of the MacGregor PTA, later both receiving an Honorary Life Membership in the PTA. He was a member of the Bayview Aerie Eagles No. 2323 and an active member in the Model Railroad Society. His main hobby was his model railroad which was housed in a small cabana in his backyard. It included a scenic route of mountains before entering a tunnel and a small town with people and cars.

Memorials in his memory may be made to the VNA-Hospice of Northern California, 1900 Powell Street, Suite 300, Emeryville, CA 94608 or to the Alta Bates Foundation, 2450 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Top 10 Reasons to Live at El Cerrito Royale:

Reason #10 **"No Time To Be Lonely"**

Enter El Cerrito Royale: joyful piano tunes come from the parlor while residents await the bus to a local concert; others are signing up friends for a Bay Cruise; upstairs, some ladies chat in the beauty parlor while down the hall a class makes crafts and gentlemen on the 3rd floor make a friendly wager in the billiards room. So much to do – so many friends to be with.

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Multimedia Notes

BILL MANN

Murder, he wrote

The Bald Truth: Tuesday night ABC's "Murder One" was back on after revealing the verdict Monday. Another, bigger, verdict remains — ABC's. Tuesday's episode was supposed to wrap up a few "loose ends'' from the drama's rookie season, in which we TV critics tried to outdo one another praising the **Steven Bochco** series. The new show was classy, artistically photographed and beautifully scripted. And **Daniel Benzali,** as bald-pated defense attorney Ted Hoffman, was probably the most commanding presence on network TV this season.

But as the series crept along, disenchantment set in. The show was off the air for two months, which didn't help. (It was getting clobbered by NBC's mediocre "ER" on Thursdays and needed a new time spot; that had to wait until the end of the NFL season). Readers and critics started complaining about the one-case-a-year format with all its serpentine plot twists. I got some pointed e-mail on America Online reacting to my favorable AOL reviews of the show.

I reluctantly came to agree; I watched the first eight "Murder Ones" without fail, then started to get disenchanted, especially when Hoffman's marriage began to fall apart and his young daughter was kidnapped. That seemed awfully manipulative, soap-like. And besides, I was far more interested in the murder case than Teddy's personal life. Does anyone really want to know about **Robert Shapiro's** home life, for example? I've stopped watching regularly, but caught the concluding episode.

At any rate, what might have helped the series keep viewer interest was to include more side cases in each show that get resolved weekly while the big Neal Avedon murder case moved along — the kind of thing "L.A. Law" did each week. "Murder One" did some of that, but not enough.

TV Guide is saying odds are against "Murder One" returning this fall. We'll know soon. I hope the ABC series does return, but with some adjustments. It'd be a shame for something of this overall quality to vanish after only one season.

That reminds me of a poster in a hallway at KGO-TV. Most of these handsomely displayed ABC posters are for current network shows, but there's one notable exception: A poster for an acclaimed series that also vanished after one season, the wonderful "My So-Called Life." Said one Channel 7 employee and "Life" fan, "I'd hate to see them ever take that one down."

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Here's a rarity before the May sweeps: An all-new "Frasier" episode, tonight at 9 on KRON. It's also odd seeing the acclaimed Tuesday series run on Sundays, which NBC has been doing lately. Tonight the shrink is attracted to a female cop, but she's more interested in Frase's ex-cop dad **(John Mahoney).** I've seen the next two "Frasiers" coming up for May sweeps, which I'll preview next week ... "Hercules" is back tonight on Channel 20 after a month of reruns. But did anyone notice? ... By the way, speaking of Gabberttown, both **James Gabbert's** KDIA and KOFY Radio dropped significantly in the just-released winter Arbitron radio ratings. Remember Gabbert's big hype last winter about calling the Oakland station "Funkin-A?" The station never got that funky, and sounds much less so now. It's always good to see cheap publicity stunts backfire ...

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BY MATT GAFFNEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

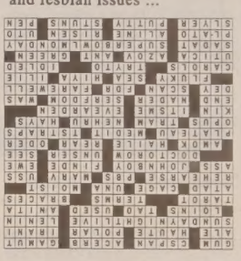
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26 Lloyd George contemporary
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35 Somewhat
36 Part of a pound
39 Actress Merkel
40 Like a good cake
41 Run through
43 "Sesame Street" setting
44 Bills coach Levy
45 State name preceder
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49 "The Waltons" character
51 —— siècle
52 One in a wool coat
53 "Billy Bathgate" author
54 One of three Indy winners
55 "What did I tell you?"
56 Out of control
58 First name in autocrats
59 Parent
60 German-Polish border river
61 Steady high
63 It's south of Eur.
65 Girls' shoes
67 Work
68 Vienna transport
70 India's first prime minister
72 Does field work
73 Folks
74 "Who's there?" reply, informally
75 50's TV actress
77 Expiration
78 Raiders leader
79 Feudal state
80 Had been
83 Van Owen player on "L.A. Law"
84 Look over
85 New York City highway, with "the"
86 Melodramatic parting
88 Chance
90 Word with water or wall
91 Slangy greeting
92 Tennis's Nastase
93 Does "Jingle Bells"
95 It precedes "Remember" and "Forget" in song titles
97 Wasted time
98 Mohawk Valley city
99 City sacked by Tamerlane, 1395
101 Scurrier
103 Untrained
104 Assassination victim of 1981
105 Rain date for a big sports event?
109 Academy founder
110 Draw —— in the sand
111 Aloft
112 ——Aztecan (language group)
113 Less straight-forward
114 Kind of knife
115 Shocks
116 Intl. writers' org.

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1 Anesthetic
2 Loudly laments
3 Places for December lights
4 Stadium sound
5 "—— who?"
6 Subject of a Swift essay
7 Working tirelessly
8 Undo
9 To the point
10 Newspaper reportage
11 Dido of Carthage
12 Speak deliriously
13 Raised
14 It joins the Colorado near Yuma
15 Stadiums
16 1985 pop hit released behind schedule?
17 Link
18 Brown and Turner
24 Semiconductor device
25 Clod buster
31 Mitchell place
33 Mick Jagger's late girlfriend?
34 Treaty subjects
36 Gator cousin
37 Second day of Lent?
38 Columbus's home
40 Tardy employee?
42 "What ——!"
43 English port west of Bournemouth
44 It gets the shaft
46 Publishers Clearinghouse contests
47 Sibyls
50 Cup filled to the top
51 More advanced
53 Popular pencil and paper game
56 Skiing event
57 Postponed religious event?
60 French- and Arabic-speaking seaport
61 Nudged
62 Goes after
64 "If —— see you ..."
66 Week of tomorrows, herein
69 "Agreed!"
71 One-named children's singer
74 Porcelain, e.g.
76 Celebrated Freud case
80 Formed, as tears
81 Drive away
82 Racing vehicle
85 Impassioned
87 Ream
89 Pinpoint
90 "Quit bothering me!"
91 Phi Beta Kappa and such
93 Archbishop of Canterbury, 1996
84 To be, in Paris
96 Pickled
97 Best Actress of 1996
99 P.D.Q.
100 Inkatha Party leader
102 Ribbon
103 Feeb
106 King of Judea, 37-4 B.C.
107 Battle of Antietam, e.g.
108 Overhead

Another local radio station still on the skids is the fast-sinking KPIX AM and FM, which is now simulcasting its morning show on Channel 5 from 5-5:30. Check it out; it's pretty funny ... Speaking of simulcasts, KCBS has just started doing the same to CBS' "60 Minutes," something that's been in the works for some time. So if you're late driving home Sundays, tune it in at 7 ... Speaking of Morley, Mike et al, now that "Dateline NBC" has moved opposite it on Sundays, you'll be seeing fewer "60 Minutes" reruns — lest viewers stray to the NBC show. "Dateline" is using some of its stronger stories on Sundays — like this weekend's piece on how the U.S. Mint and Congress are ripping off coin collectors with commemorative sets that usually DECLINE in value, despite what the ads imply ... And tonight's "Dateline" at 10 on KRON (opposite "Murder One") looks like a good one, too, with two Midwestern gals chatting — **Jane Pauley** and **Ann Landers.** The advice columnist may look squarish to many of today's teens, but we need a few more squares now — especially kind-hearted ones. I will always appreciate Landers' gutsy, controversial columns favoring handgun control, as well as her enlightened turnabout on gay and lesbian issues ...



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Foundation awards grants to local schools

By Peggy Thow

ALBANY —The Albany Education Foundation recently awarded over $6,000 in mini-grants to Albany teachers for educational projects that will benefit children al every Albany school site. Individual grant amounts ranged from $100 to $750, with the average grant at $300.

Teachers receiving mini-grants were surprised on April 4 when Albany Education Foundation board members arrived in their classrooms with a gift of flowers, announcing the award, taking photographs, and sparking loud demonstrations of admiration by the students.

"We originally wanted to bring along a trumpeter and give each teacher a fanfare," said Sally Outis, president of the foundation's board. "But after speaking to school personnel, we realized flowers might be better. Everyone was so appreciative. It was a real treat to give money to teachers, who are much more used to hearing that their programs are being cut back."

This is the first series of mini-grants given out by the foundation, which started up this fall and has raised over $16,000 in donations from community leaders, businesses, and parents. The mini-grants funded 20 projects, including the purchase of a red wagon at the Children's Center and the acquisition of graphing calculators at the High School.



Foundation board president Sally Outis, (center) presented a $125 grant to teacher Suzy Ronfeldt (left) and her class at Cornell School.

Grants were also given for teacher training at the Lawrence Hall of Science, bus money for a field trip to the Oakland Air Museum, a set of recorders for a third-grade classroom, and books and materials in science, language enrichment, math, and social studies.

For this set of mini-grants, computer hardware requests were specifically excluded, pending a districtwide technology plan currently being written in cooperation with the Alameda County Board of Education. Requests for computer-related materials will likely be solicited for the next group of mini-grants in the fall.

Outis noted that the Albany Education Foundation board is also planning to fund several block grants to the school district for support of specific areas such as performing arts education and library acquisitions.

Forty-eight applications were received for this series of grants. board members spent several days and evenings reading and discussing the requests, which were presented to them with the names of the applicants removed.

Of the 20 grants awarded, only three received the full funding asked for. Seventeen were partially funded.

However, the group will work with grantees to obtain discounts on equipment and in-kind donations of supplies and materials, whether or not the grant was fully funded.

In reading through the grant proposals, the Albany Education Foundation generated a varied list of in-kind donations needed by teachers for Albany schools. Anyone interested in making donations of money or materials to the Albany Education Foundation can call 524-7797.

West County School Watch

District study released

By Glen Price

By now, you are probably painfully aware that California spends less on public education per pupil than virtually any other state in the union.

If you have followed events in the WCCUSD over the last few years, you know about the huge debt the district owes the state of California, a result of massive mismanagement in the late 1980s. However, it has been hard to obtain concise, easily understood information about the district's financial status without wading through thick board packets and huge budget documents.

Until now.

On Tuesday, April 16, the Richmond Area League of Women Voters released a new publication, "Focus Study of the Financial Condition of the West Contra Costa Unified School District."

Based on original research conducted by the League, including interviews and review of source documents, the document surveys the context for educational funding in the state, outlines events leading up to the fiscal collapse of the district in 1991, describes our current situation, and concludes with a list of recommendations. All of this in a handy 10-page report which should be required reading for parents, community members, district personnel, and others interested in understanding our past and working toward a brighter future.

The report was prepared by the League of Women Voters Educational Focus Study Group, comprised of members Betty Brown, Denise Fleig, Ethel Gok, Ruth Guthartz, and Jeannie Guzman. Brown, Fleig, Gok and Guthartz presented key portions of the study during the League's April 16 meeting.

The recommendations include: "Bring our teacher salaries in line with other comparable districts; reduce class sizes; increase utilization of community resources, including parent involvement; support all attempts to modify the two-thirds vote requirement for bond and property tax increases; and organize a communitywide effort directed to the legislature and governor to cancel the remaining debt to the state."

Regarding teacher salaries, Fleig noted, "Starting salaries for teachers in Oakland (following the strike) are now $27,580, versus $25,106 in Richmond." Brown said, "The effect on morale is obvious and it also inhibits the ability of the district to recruit quality teachers."

In remarks following the focus group's presentation, WCCUSD School Board President Karen Fenton, a member of the Richmond Area League of Women Voters, thanked the group for providing an accessible overview of a complex subject. She said that the school district must now not only recover from its financial

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Tibetan history is the topic of Ngawang Thodup, official biographer of the Dalai Lama, on Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita, Berkeley. To reach the Tibetan Cultural Society for more information call 834-4652 or 540-6204.

Mac users: Berkeley Macintosh Users Group (the world's largest) offers free Mac classes to the public Tuesdays, 7 -10 p.m. Call 549-2684.

Easy Going hosts Dixon and Ruthanne Long, authors of *Markets of Provence: A Culinary Tour of Southern France.* Tonight at 7:30 p.m. Free. 1385 Shattuck Ave. at Rose, Berkeley. 843-3533.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center: May 2, 11 a.m.: Music of Italy with James Ritz. Potluck lunch. Bring dish to serve 4 to 6 or donate $2.50. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

Cody's Books— April 29: Frank Browning, *A Queer Geography;* April 30: Sandra Tsing Loh, *Depth Takes a Holiday;* May 2: Larry Habegger, *Travelers' Tales.* All at 7:30 p.m. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Black Oak Books — April 26, Ivan Doig: *Bucking the Sun;* April 28: David Quammen, *The Song of the Dodo: Island Biogeography in an Age of Extinction;* April 29: Christopher Tilghman, *Mason's Retreat;* April 30: Martin Cruz Smith, *Ruby.* All at 7:30 p.m. Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley. 486-0698.

Revolution Books: Carl Dix, national spokesperson, Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, speaks at 7 p.m. May 1. $2 donation. 848-1196.

Organic gardening for beginners, a course offered by East Bay Urban Gardeners, begins Saturday and runs weekly through June 15, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reserve a place at 834-5342.

Center for Psychological Studies hosts UCLA professor Dr. red Massarik who will speak on "organizational Development, Ojai, and the Legacy of Kurt Lewin. Friday, noon to 1:30 p.m. 1398 Solano, Albany. 524-0291.

City Commons Club: April 26, 12:30 p.m.: Sylvia J. Spengler, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, on "Secrets of Life: Progress on the Human Genome Project." 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-3533 or 845-4725.

Landlords, tenants in Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville are invited to a workshops on evictions, rental agreements, discrimination and more on Tuesday, April 30, 2-4 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1249 Marin. 836-0281.

"40 Years of Adventure," presented by Royal Robbins, benefits the Yosemite Fund. The event — Saturday at 6:30 p.m. — provides a chance to try rock climbing and see historic and current climbing gear. Big wall climber Mike Corbett will speak, and Robbins will tell his life story. CityRock Climbing Center, 1250 45th St., Emeryville. 654-2510.

East Bay Heritage Quilters welcome Jane Dunnewold and her unique and original quilts and garments at their meeting Monday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Road, Kensington.

East Bay Skeptics Society ponders paranormal effects, from Houdini to the present, with Gordon Stein, Ph.D. Friday, 8 p.m. at 159 Mulford Hall, UC Berkeley. Free. 420-0702.

"Healthy Pregnancy and Birth" is the topic at Alta Bates Medical Center, 2110 Dwight Way, Berkeley on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. Free. Call 204-1334 for more information.

The Buddy Club children's who visits the El Cerrito Community Center, 70007 Moeser Lane, on Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon. Show is "The Art of Magic" with Jay Alexander. $6 per person, under 2 free. 652-SHOW.

Picture Book Time at the El Cerrito Library begins today and runs through June 6. For ages 3 to 5, 11 a.m. Thursdays. For information call 526-7512.

Contra Costa Hills Club: April 28: Five-mile look in Tilden Park, East Bay Regional Park District. All welcome. Call 524-7803 for details.

Master the Internet, a two-session class offered May 4 and 11, 1 to 5 p.m. at Vista College, is now taking registration. $64. Call 841-8860, ext. 256.

Gaia Bookstore — April 26: Luis Espinoza, *Chamalu: Shamanic Way of the Heart;* April 30: Walter Truett Anderson, *Evolution Isn't What it Used to Be;* May 1: Huston Smith, *One Nation Under God: The Triumph of the Native American Church;* May 2: Judy Olausen and her mom, Vivian, *Mother.* All at 7:30 p.m. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 848-GAIA.

Berkeley Hiking Club: April 28: Mt. Tamalpais (415-892-3706); mini-hike: Drake's Estero, Point Reyes (irises!) (843-3354).

North Berkeley Senior Center: April 18, 1 p.m.: Travel video entitled *Portugal* ; April 19, 1 p.m.: Opera *Semiranidi* ; Assertiveness versus aggressiveness with Betty Goren also at 1 p.m.; East Bay Paratransit application help for disabled and elderly who cannot use BART or buses, from 1 - 3 p.m.; April 22, 1 p.m.: Video Movie *A Man for all Seasons* ; April 23, 9 a.m.: Blood pressure check; April 24, 1 p.m.: Chronic Disease Support Group with the Ever Young Performers at 1:15 p.m. 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

"Behind the Green Door," a forum on the state of environmentalism, benefits KPFA and the International Rivers Network. Participants include Tom Athanasiou, Mark Dowie, Susan Griffin, David Helvarg, Dena Leibman, Mike Roselle and others. Sunday, 8 p.m., King Middle School, 1781 Rose, Berkeley. Tickets $10 in advance, $12 at the door. 848-6767 ext. 609.

"Tips for Preparing a Petition," a workshop conducted by the Berkeley Rent Board, will be held May 1 at 3 p.m. at the RSB Law Library, 2125 Milvia St., Berkeley. 644-6128.

Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA: April 30: "Starting Your Own Business," a lecture/discussion at noon. $3. Free job hunter's orientation May 1, 10 to 11 a.m. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Peter Arnett is guest of honor on Wednesday, May 1, at a gala I-House benefit hosted by UC Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien. Tickets: $200 and up. Proceeds support programs and scholarships at I-House. 642-4128.

Architectural tour of the Berkeley City Club offered Sunday, April 28, noon to 4 p.m. at 2315 Durant. No reservations needed. 848-7800.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst — April 26: Video opera — *La Africain,* 1 p.m. Discussion: "Suddenly to much time on my hands," 1 p.m.; April 29: Video: *Out of Africa,* 1 p.m.; April 30: *The Duck Variations,* A.A.L. Players, 1:15 p.m. 644-6107.

Art lecture by Luc Brébion on "The Art of Henri Gervex." Sunday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. Berkeley Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. 845-1919.

Financial seminar for women on Thursday, May, at noon. Judy Weil and Lara Farnam advise women on how to control their financial destinies. Free, but reservations recommended. Call 208-3897.

Homework Helper: Every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's South Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

University YWCA: April 23, 5:15 p.m.: Workshop entitled "Babies and Bosses — Balancing a Career and a Family." Sponsored by the Women's Career Network. Free. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Performances

"Poetry and Jazz," with Berkeley High students of June Jordan and Rusty Morrison, Berkeley's High's Jazz Band and the 27-member brass band from Longfellow School featuring a collaborative effort with Guillermo Céspedes of Conjunto Céspedes. Tonight, 7:30 p.m. at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. $3 donation adults, $2 children.

"The Colored Museum," a satirical play by George C. Wolfe, will be presented tonight through Sunday by the Center for Theater Arts and the Department of African American Studies at Durham Studio Theater, UC Berkeley. Box office opens one hours before curtain. Call 642-9925 for more information.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley: Production of Neil Simon's *Lost In Yonkers* , a Pulitzer-Prize Winning comic-drama. Through May 11. 528-5620. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. 528-5620.

Berkeley Rep previews *Missing Persons* Friday through Sunday. The Craig Lucas play, directed by Penny Metropulos, opens May 1. For schedule and ticket information call 845-4700.

Concert for a Free Tibet: Saturday, April 27, 8 p.m. at Berkeley Community Theatre, features Philip Glass, Mark Isham, David Doucet, Nawang Khechog, Peter Coyote and Chaksam-pa. Call 762-BASS or, for gala reception tickets, call 433-7324.

Black Repertory Group presents the Bubbling *Brown Sugar,* a musical review based on the golden years of Harlem. "Soul-revitalizing, soul-riveting sounds" include songs like "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "God Bless the Child," and more. Tickets are $3 to $10. Thursdays through Saturdays through June 2. 3201 Adeline, Berkeley. Call 652-2120.

Opera da Camera presents the comic *The Public Defender,* Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Call 525-8024 for ticket information.

University Dance Theater performances at Zellerbach Hall continue through April 27. 642-9988.

Berkeley City Club's Arts Section presents a chamber concert April 30, 8 p.m. with Theresa Cardinale, mezzo-soprano; Eugene Nahan, tenor; Ted Rust, oboe; and Bryan Baker, piano. Tickets are $12 at the door. 2315 Durant. 848-7800.

Swim show — "Under the Sun" — includes synchornized swimming by Golden Gate Synchrony, "aqua-artists" from Berkeley's King and Willard pools and Albany pool. Shows this Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. at Albany Pool, 1311 Portland. $3 and $2. 559-6640.

Spit Out Your Gun...It's School Policy, a funny play by and for teachers (and everyone else) is at the Speakeasy Theatre Fridays and Saturdays through May 4. 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley. For reservations call 933-6841.

Freight & Salvage: April 26, 8 p.m.: Dougie MacLean; April 27, 8:30 p.m.: Bob Brozman with Piper Heisig; April 28 Martin Carthy and Dave Swarbrick. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

La Peña: April 18, 8 p.m.: Ciara; April 19, 8 p.m.: Rebecca Riots; April 20, Carolyn Brandy & Skin Talk; April 21, 8 p.m.: QBA Fusion. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-9397.

Benefits Berkeley High Jazz: Yoshi's presents the all-woman jazz/world music group Wild Mango on Monday, April 29 at 8 and 10 p.m. $15, $10 students and seniors. 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200.

Berkeley Arts Magnet School hosts the seventh annual Maya's Spring Music Festival, a showcase of the talents of disabled and non-disabled performers to benefit Maya's Music Therapy Fund. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 1645 Milvia. $5 adults, children under 12 and disabled, $1.

Trinity Chamber Concerts: April 21, 7:30 p.m.: Richard Burdick, horn, and Dora Burdick, piano, play Beethoven Sonata opus 102 No. 2, Haydn, and the West Coast premiere of *Around the Horn* by Milton Babbit. 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 549-3864.

Red Cafe: Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.: Steve Packenham & Friends: 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

Kimball's East: Through April 21, 8 and 10 p.m.: David Benoit. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 658-2555.

Religious Activities

Spring Theological Conference takes place Friday at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. This year's theme: "Transformation." Registration is $7 and includes lunch. Advance registration required. Call 524-5264.

Agape Community Church — Multiethnic church meets Sunday at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin, Dr. John Ojewole preaches the 11 a.m. service this week on "The Judgement of God and Man's Responsibility." Sunday School at 10 a.m. This week is the official inauguration of the new church. Everyone invited. 524-7707.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists — April 28, 10:30 a.m.: Report on the Welcoming Congregation Program to show the steps a community can take to become a more inclusive place for lesbian, gay and bisexual people. Workshop materials and personal experiences will be part of an expanded dialogue. Children's program for ages 3-12. 1924 Cedar at Bonita. 841-4824.

Buddhist Art: April 28, 6 p.m.: Writer/editor Elizabeth Cook tells of how the artistic genius of the Indian people flowered during the time Buddhism was flourishing there. Free. Nyingma Institute. Call 843-6812 for more information.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church — Saturday, April 27: Leadership conference at Grace Cathedral, 8 to 5 p.m.; 8 p.m.: Treasures of early German baroque music for voice, violin, harpsichord and violone. April 28, Chris McManus, Graduate School for Deacons, will preach. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

Exhibits

"Coming Into the Light," color photography by Jim Callahan, Andy Acquistapace and Rosemary Murphree at Albany Arts Gallery. Through May 16. 1251 Solano Ave.

Giorgi Gallery: Jerry Carniglia shows oil paintings and works on vellum. Through April 28. 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley.

El Cerrito Art Association: "Exotic Faces of the World from Bali and Belize to Berkeley and Back," works by Tom Siporin. El Cerrito Public Library through May 6.

Prints, paintings and mixed media works by local artist Jennifer Dannenfelsen are on display at the Red Cafe, 1941 University, Berkeley, through May 14.

North Berkeley Library Quilt Show. Through May 11. 1170. The Alameda.

"A glimpse of Brazil — visoes do Brasil," a photo exhibit by Susan Saiwah Louie, is on display at Cafe Vox Populi at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, through June 2.

Magnes Museum — "This Year in Jerusalem: The Passionate Pilgrimage," celebrates 50 rare and beautiful objects from that city through July 14. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Richmond Art Center hosts West Contra Costa Unified School District's annual student exhibition through Saturday. Also, Larnie Fox: "Hanging Sky Garden and Guernica Code," through July 6. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 620-6772.

University Art Museum: "Homeless," by Uri Tzaid, reflects the Israeli artist's reaction to Berkeley during a three-month residency here; through June 23. Also, "Points of View: Photography form the Collection" spans more than 140 years of photographic history. Through May 5. UC Berkeley, 2625 Durant. Recorded info at 642-0808.

Support groups, self-...

North Berkeley Senior support groups include: Alzh... Wednesday monthly, 7 ... women's group, every M... p.m.; caregiver support, fi... Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.; ... first and third Wednesdays, ... Hearst.

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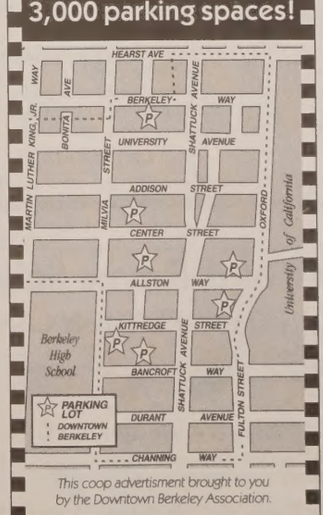
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ALBANY — The Albany Unified School District will register children for admission to kindergarten for the fall of 1996 on Wednesday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 1375 Portland Ave. (in Memorial Park). Starting May 2, children may be registered at Vista, MacGregor, Marin, or Cornell schools. For the convenience of Village residents, Albany Children's Center will register University Village children from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Registering your child at the closest school may not guarantee assignment to that school. We may need to assign pupils outside of present school boundaries in order to house the expected enrollment.

For registration, parents must bring the child's birth certificate or other proof of age and be prepared to fill out health forms concerning vaccinations, immunizations, and childhood diseases. Documentation of the dates of immunizations for polio, D.P.T., measles (Rubeola), mumps, and rubella (German measles) for each kindergarten child is required. No child can enter kindergarten next fall unless he/she has had these three immunizations.

Minimum doses required for polio are three, as long as the third dose was received after the second birthday, and four doses for D.P.T., as long as the fourth dose was also received after the second birthday. Measles, rubella, and mumps (MMR) have a single required dose, provided it was received after the first birthday. Also note that no registrations will be accepted unless all information is complete.

Parents must also provide a deed or rental agreement plus two other forms of proof of Albany residence such as a bank statement, W-2 form, driver's license (not temporary), utility bills, etc.

Children are eligible for public school kindergarten if the child will be five years of age on or before Dec. 2. The district cannot accept registration for children who are younger than that age, even though the child may have had several years of preschool experience.

An accurate spring registration is important to the School District for planning next year's kindergarten classes. If registration on May 1 is not possible, please register your child during school hours at any elementary school as soon as possible after that date. The date of registration is one factor which may be considered in making school assignments.

Parents not residing in Albany who are interested in enrolling new students in Albany elementary schools must apply for enrollment at the District Office. Out-of-district applicants for grades K-5 will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis if classroom space is available.

An information evening for new kindergarten parents will be held on Tuesday, April 23 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.), in the Multipurpose Room at Marin School, 1001 Santa Fe Ave.

POETRY

Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

GREEN SHOELACES

My green shoelace slinkis and snaps
as it curls.

Julia Null, second grade
MacGregor Primary School

When I play on the playground
When I run
My feet make a soft tapping noise.
Tap Tap Tap.

Alice Hareman, second grade
MacGregor Primary School

I'm thankful for the man i
He who brings happines
The one who I long to be
The one I open my eyes
The one I love, oh the one
I'm thankful for my lovin
She who gave birth to m
The one who could be no
The one who kept me tro
The one I love, oh the one
I'm thankful for my car
He who gives everything
The one who loves me as
ter
The one who taught me h
The one I love, oh the one
I'm thankful for God above
He who gives life to me
The one who gives me
love
The one I say thanks to
The one I love, oh the one

Melanie
MacGregor High

Letters

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And indeed I do enjoy parades and, yes, Scottish music, but I thought it was the height of arrogance for these revelers to assume that we would enjoy their procession down our residential street on a weekend morning.

I did not have the opportunity to read my *Journal* this week; perhaps that would have alerted me. I certainly received no other warning. I now assume that it must be Founder's Day, or something of the sort, and that in previous years I have been out of town or off doing errands.

Wouldn't a parade along the business area of Solano Avenue be more appropriate? Wouldn't 10:30 or 11 a.m. be sufficiently early to begin the festivities in a town as quiet as ours? Do the event's planners expect citizens such as ourselves to turn out and join the festivities as a result of this noisy greeting?

W.D.Cooper
Albany

High school reunion set

The 20th anniversary dinner-dance reunion of the Albany High School Class of 1976 will be held the evening of Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Berkeley Marriott.

All classmates, teachers during their four-year high school tenure, and anyone wishing to atend representing other AHS classes are welcome to attend.

Arrangements are being made by Joyce Wray Riele of Livermore, and Nancy Pruyn of San Diego. Reservations may be made with Ms. Riele, 1024 Bucknell Ct., Livermore 94550. For ticket price information, call her at 449-3068.

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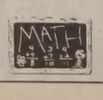
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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinternick

Membership mixer a success

"Very successful" would term the mood of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Membership Mixer held April 17 at Station House No. 72, co-sponsored with the chamber and the City of El Cerrito and fire departments of El Cerrito and Kensington.

Around 70 participants enjoyed good networking, great foods, along with a look at the plans for the new Fire Station due to be completed in early 1997. The temporary home for the station will be at the Arlington Park Clubhouse, with the engines and other vehicles on pads in front.

Among those in attendance were all the members of the City Council; City Manager Gary Pokorny; Deputy City Manager Jim Randall; Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft; Fire Chief Steve Cutright; Building Official Steve Mitchell; City Clerk Linda Giddings. Chamber First Vice-President June Boblitt extended our gratitude for the hosts of the mixer and good wishes on the memories and future of No. 72.

The opportunity drawing prize winners were Jim Randall; Rich Bartke, Attorney; Duane Wong, Music Works; Yolanda Stenmark, California Federal Bank; Gary Pokorny; and donated by Joe Pena, Family Fair; June Boblitt, Full Circle Travel; Marge Collins, Collins Property Management; and Ginger and Phillip Chang, Dream World Florist.

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The chamber is welcoming new member Terrie Marzetta of Security Pacific Real Estate at 3223 Blume Drive, Richmond, 799-0279, for real estate needs. The chamber appreciates, too, the reinvestments of Locators Real Estate; Gyros and Pitas; and Baskin-Robbins. All members are encouraged to send their reinvestments to help with the everyday operations of the chamber office.

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Chamber members and guests enjoyed the program given by Thom Stark of STARK REALITIES at the recent (April 22) chamber luncheon meeting, where we heard about the Internet, a worldwide inter-network of business, educational, government, military, private and public computer networks, connected together by high-speed telephone lines and software called TCP/IP.



New President Pat Malallua, The Mechanics Bank, receives the gavel from retiring President Vera Boyovich, California Federal Bank, at installation festivities.

Most of the information was totally new to the majority of the members but all were eager to be able to understand much of what we have heard on television or in groups of computer users.

Stark explained that as the telephone voice network lets people talk to one another over a distance, a digital computer network lets computers communicate with one another. Simple explanation, it's two computers hooked together with some wire and the right software.

Taking care of complaints

First off: Apologies for omitting credit to Wolfe Mason Architects and artist Chris Kukula who provided the renderings for last week's column promoting creek restoration and the "Creek Speak" forum.

Last Thursday's "Creek Speak" drew about 30 people to watch slides and listen to the newest ideas in urban planning, ideas that go far beyond restoring creeks and keeping pollution out of storm drains and ultimately the Bay.

Except the funny thing is, none of the ideas are "new." It has been obvious for a long time that the organization of space in most cities has taken a wrong turn.

I say it's obvious because it's what people complain about most. They may not put it in that way, but complaints about too many cars going too fast on "my block" are really complaints about the way a city is organized. And the complaints I get about traffic far outnumber complaints about everything else put together.

Berkeley graduate student Clark Wilson presented concepts that work to eliminate traffic in residential neighborhoods.

The idea is to first take a look at what residential streets are designed for: to carry a lot of cars going fast. Some are too wide and almost all are through. If we want to change what they're used for, they've got to be redesigned.

"Traffic calming" is the latest planning jargon for changing the function of streets from raceways to places where kids and families have equal rights with cars.

Wide streets are made narrower, sidewalks and planting strips are made wider. Most residential streets should only be traveled for a few blocks—to get from a main street to home and back. Most don't need to be as wide as they are for this purpose. Changing traffic circulation patterns, changing the function and look of streets *s-l-o-w-s* cars down.

The economics of these ideas make sense.

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Meanwhile, a bicycle committee meets to plan bicycle paths. And always there is the desire for police officers to concentrate time on traffic enforcement.

If we're rebuilding our streets over the next 30 years as the sewers are replaced (as we are), how much more would it cost to rebuild them so traffic problems are eliminated, bicycle paths are incorporated, and tree/sidewalk conflicts are solved? Doesn't it make more sense to allow enough room for the tree in the first place instead of continually spending money to repair sidewalks?

Let's think about one more thing before we sharpen up our pencils and answer that question: storm water. Boring, maybe, but it's not going to go away. Federal law mandates that cities reduce the amount of pollutants in storm water running off over streets and into storm drains, creeks, and finally into the Bay. There's good reason for this law: Half the pollution in the bay comes from oil and grease picked up by storm water as it washes over streets.

But let's leave the good cause of cleaning up the Bay for a moment and get back to the arithmetic of ridding residential streets of speeding cars. One of the cheapest ways cities have of meeting federal clean-water mandates is to provide more landscaped areas for rainwater to wash into before it reaches the storm drains. Rainwater that soaks into the ground is naturally cleansed and does not contribute to pollution.

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So, rebuilding our steets in a thoughtful way pays another bill: the storm water mandate.

Look for conceptual design renderings and some actual arithmetic in future columns. Maybe your block could serve as a test case. Any volunteers?

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mike Brodsky
Albany



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Over 40 artists from El Cerrito, Richmond, Point Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante and Hercules are participating in the first West County Open Studios Exhibition and Tour. The studios of West County artists, as well as the Richmond Art Center's Community Gallery Exhibition, will be open for public viewing the weekend of May 4 and 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This exhibition gives the public a chance to view artwork from each participating artist before visiting the studios. A map with the artist's name and studio number will be available at the Art Center, at local businesses and in local media.

The 1996 West County Open Studios Tour was organized by Emily Duffy, Lisa Greenstein and

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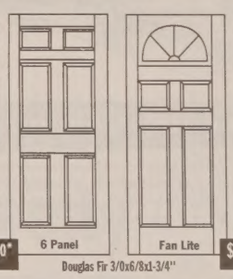
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Important people, events and places

Two weeks ago I wrote a story about the publisher of HiP magazine, a magazine for deaf youngsters. I loved the story, loved the magazine, and was very happy with it — until today, when I learned I had made the most serious error a writer can make — I had the name wrong.

I apologize to Mr. Robin Gladstone with all my heart. Somehow I had his name as Goldstone, and so the entire story had to have been a great disappointment for him. It is Robin Gladstone who, with Ellen Dolich, realized the necessity for a source of information, ideas and concepts for young people between about 8 and 18 who are hearing-impaired. And it is Robin Gladstone who told us about the magazine they conceived and now publish: HiP.

I usually have the people I interview spell their names for me to avoid just such a disaster. Don't know what happened this time. I am sorry.

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Tom Siporin and I just couldn't seem to get together in time for an interview before the date for the end of his exhibit, but I do want to tell you about it so that you might go and see it before it leaves the El Cerrito library on May 6.

His exhibit is titled "Exotic Faces of the World: From Bali and Belize to Berkeley and Back." They are acrylic portrait paintings of Rastas, rice farmers, river rats, mystics, gypsies, fishmongers, godfathers and kids at play.

He has sent me a review of the exhibit written by Jesmond Dene, which is a stroll through "Exotic Faces of the World." In all there are some 32 paintings, and from what Ms. Dene says, they are a fabulous and fascinating mix.

Be sure you visit the El Cerrito library before May 6. I intend to. The library is open a variety of hours, but is definitely open every afternoon except Wednesday. The address is 6510 Stockton Ave.

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M.C. Newburn Books has wonderful evenings with authors, and they are becoming very popular with the growing number of people in the East Bay who appreciate Maurice Newburn and his wonderful little bookstore.

I was sorry to miss Jonnie Jacobs and Lora Roberts on April 13, but I have every intention of attending on April 27 when he will present Natasha Borovsky and her book, Lost Heritage, a stirring chronicle of the Hitler era.

M.C. Newburn Books is tucked away in the small shopping center at 950 San Pablo Ave. in Albany. The April 27 evening begins at 5 p.m.

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The big excitement among lovers of the San Francisco Symphony is the Fantasy Auction which will be held on May 3 at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco. This is the big fund-raiser, and promises to be a scintillating night, when some $280,000 worth of merchandise will be auctioned, first in a silent auction and then in a live auction conducted by John Gallo of Butterfield and Butterfield, Auctioneers.

The merchandise to be auctioned is so diverse that it is impossible to encapsulate it here. I can tell you that it includes actual merchandise, travel, shows and dinners, and even an Olympics package.

Music will be supplied by members of the Youth Orchestra and by the Black Market Jazz Band.

This year's Fantasy Auction is Magical Tours and Treasures for MTT (that's Michael Tilson Thomas, our new and very exciting conductor).

Valet parking will be available. Interested persons are invited to call any member of the San Francisco Symphony leagues, or the league office itself, at Davies Hall, at 1-415-552-8000. You may even call me.

There is another exciting auction in our future, also. On Saturday, May 11, the Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center will present On The Town, their annual auction and gala.

Items in this auction include a private bay cruise for six, a San Francisco weekend package, a Maui condo for one week, and many, many more wonderful items. There will also be live music by Cathi Walkup's Swing Thing and, from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., dancing with the Bitter End Blues Band.

All of this and child care, too. Questions? Call the center at 848-0237. Oh, the auction and the rest will be held at the center at 1414 Walnut St. in Berkeley.

The Friends of the Albany Library have been sponsoring some interesting programs of late, and the "intergenerational Poetry Reading" is one of them.

Diane Hall is the idea person behind this event, and the Friends agre with her that poetry belongs in the library. Her initation asls poets/writers, of all ages to join together to creat a "spring bouquet" of poetry at the library. The event will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

For more information please call Diane Hall at 526-9044.

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And the Souper Center has a new program going on. GRIP, the parent organization that runs the Souper Center, is undertaking a building improvement project to expand a very crowded kitchen, add facilities for showers and equipment for washing and drying clothes, plus a new space for employment/housing counseling; and even transform daily food service from plastic plates and spoons to "real" dishes and silverware.

They call it "Operation Community Spirit" and invite everyone to participate by helping with any skilled labor, with unskilled but helpful time or in any other way they think they can help. It is, indeed, a community wide effort. The Souper Center fees some 250 to 350 hungry people every day and volunteers who help make the lunches and serve them donate some 1,000 hours plus per month. Our community can be proud of this fine facility, and take pride in assisting with Operation Community Spirit.

The Souper Center is located at 165 22nd St. in Richmond. Call GRIP at 233-2141 for more information.

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And, last, I must tell you of my recent visit to Santa Catalina Island. I had not been there since I was 18 years old (and please don't ask). It was a glamorous place to visit then, with live music from the big bands that played in the beautiful round Casino (I even had an opportunity to sing with Anson Weeks and his orchestra), trips on the glass-bottom boat, and all the wonders of a tropical island amid the beautiful blue waters of the Pacific.

Many things are still there, but most of what you hear on the tours and in walking about is what used to be. The Wrigleys owned the island at one time, and most of what you see is what they built, including the beautiful white house on the hill that is now a bed-and-breakfast.

Someone called it the Casino Without Gambling, the Bird Sanctuary Without Birds, and — but I'm sorry, I have forgotten what the third thing was.

There is still a lot to see and do. The glass-bottom boats still hold their own magic. The town of Avalon is charming (but not cheap — a tiny house we noted was selling for $300,000) and the buffalo still roam. (They were brought to the island by a movie company who was shooting there, many years ago. They have multiplied mightily since.)

But mostly, for me, anyway, was the magic of memory and wondering whatever happened to the boy I met there so long ago.

Thank you, Elizabeth Baker, for calling me to correct me about Robin Gladstone. I'm glad to know, but sad about my mistake.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



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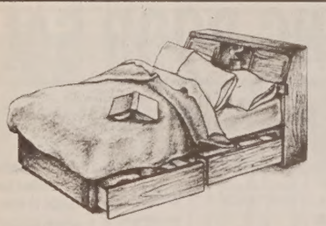
Springtime in the Bay Area brings a huge increase in the amount of grass and other plant debris going into landfills. Organic material does not decompose easily in a landfill, and can cause adverse environmental impacts. Fortunately, Alameda County residents have another option—they can recycle at home by composting.

Grass, leaves, and weeds can easily be recycled at home. Composting turns yard debris into a natural soil booster that benefits the yard and garden.

Home composting is the ideal solution for the extra plant debris that springtime brings. To encourage home composting and to make it affordable and convenient for county residents, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority offers Smith & Hawken Biostack compost bin. These high quality bins, which normally retail for $60, cost only $38.

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LOWELL COHN

Raiders now looking for character(s)?

The Raiders must be getting soft. Or how else can you explain their reasons for taking Ohio State tight end Rickey Dudley in the draft last Saturday?

"He's a high-character guy, a good person," tight end coach Bill Meyers said about Dudley. "Everyone you talk to rains praise on this guy. They're all very complimentary to him as a person."

Well, isn't that cute, the Raiders drafting for character? That's so un-Raiderlike. In the past, the Raiders had a tropism toward borderline sociopaths and tough guys — Warren Wells, Jack Tatum, John Matuszak. You felt they selected their draft picks from the Most Wanted signs in the post office. Al Davis himself has been praised for many qualities — shrewdness, guts, stamina. But no one applies the word "character" to him, except in a negative sense.

Back when they were champions, the Raiders might have said to hell with public opinion and traded up for Nebraska running back Lawrence Phillips (sixth pick overall to the Rams). Phillips dragged a former girlfriend down three flights of stairs and proceeded to slam her head into a metal mailbox. He is clearly not a "high-character guy."

The Raiders did not pursue him, even though that deep thinker, Joe Theismann, said on ESPN that Phillips' problems are behind him. The word "problems" was interesting, as if Phillips had a slight issue with body odor or chronic nail biting, nothing more.

Instead of "character," the Raiders used to look for "characters," like Ted Hendricks who rode a horse onto the practice field. Goody-goodyness, which is what Dudley exudes, not only would have been irrevelant in the first Oakland era of the Raiders, it would have been a drawback.

But this is the 90s, and even the hardass Raiders are adapting, perhaps because last season's team had absolutely no character, or characters, for that matter. Maybe the Raiders should change their "war room," where they plan draft-day strategy, to a "sensitivity salon." (Not that Dudley is a total saint. He was convicted of a DUI in 1994 when he was the captain of the basketball team; and he once was evicted from an off-campus apartment and had to pay $2,000 to his landlord. In terms of Raiders tradition, though, he still qualifies as a high-character guy.)

Meyers explained that his gushy feelings about Dudley originated at the scouting combine in February. The combine is a meat market where college players run, jump through hoops and take psychological tests to see if they have what it takes to run, jump through hoops and pass psychological tests in the NFL. When it came his turn to work out at the combine, specifically to bench press, Dudley said no.

This intrigued Meyers, someone refusing to perform along with the herd. So he asked Dudley why. "I'm not lifting today because I'm not prepared," Dudley admitted. "Coach, I've been playing in all-star games and I'm not prepared. On March 6, I'll perform at Ohio

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'Other factors' put Jackets in the swim

By John Gardella

"We're doing as well as could be expected," says Berkeley High girls swimming coach Philip Henri, when asked how his team is faring at this juncture of the season.

The Yellowjackets go into Thursday contest against Pinole Valley with a 2-3 record. That's not too bad considering the inexperience of most of Henri's young swimmers, and "all the other factors," affecting the team, according to the coach.

Injuries and outside commitments have often resulted in Henri having to juggle the lineups in most of the events, including the relays.

For instance, when Berkeley faces Pinole at home, the Jackets will be without four swimmers. Two are completing lifeguard training, another is visiting a prospective college, the fourth is out with an ankle injury.

Playing in a league with perennial powers such as Monte Vista and Carondelet, it is difficult to compete without a full team. But Henri sees a lot of potential. Although comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomores (there are only three seniors), Berkeley's two top athletes are four-year swimmers.

The Jackets' top swimmer is Erika Zender, who has made it to the North Coast Sections her first three years. She is a multiple-event swimmer, with great speed and endurance.

"She's an all-round great swimmer," said Henri. "Erika is a junior-nationals type swimmer. She has been for the past four years."

According to Henri, the senior will most likely attend BYU or Arizona in the fall.

The other senior star is Elizabeth Rapaport, who's top event, according to Henri, is the breast stroke. Rapaport is currently visiting a college, and will not be available for Thursday's meet.

Looking to the future, freshman Sofia Hussain has the talent to help replace Zender and Rapaport next fall. Henri said Hussain has shown tremendous consistency thus far.

"Sofia has swam extremely well all season," he said. "She should have a very strong career at Berkeley."

Another swimmer Henri expects to help fill the shoes of the two departing stars is junior Sayo Costantino. According to Henri, the junior, who is currently sidelined with an ankle strain, is a very strong swimmer, who, when in the lineup, gives Berkeley a formidable relay team.

"Losing two superstars like Erika and Elizabeth is going to be tough," he said. "But we have more swimmers than we had last year, and we've got some great young swimmers who should help."

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St. Mary's Fripp heading to BYU-Hawaii

By John Gardella

After a year of hard work, honing his skills in the classroom and on the basketball court, Nathan Fripp thought he deserved to spend some time in warm sunshine and tropical breezes.

With his parents and high school coach present, the St. Mary's High student Saturday at his home in Berkeley, assured himself of at least four years of that type of climate when he signed a letter of intent to play basketball at BYU-Hawaii.

"Coach (Ken) Wagner brought a video of BYU. The campus is very nice," Fripp said. "It's a good program and a good situation for me. I'm very excited to be going."

An off-guard in the beginning of the season, the lefty was converted into a point guard early on when the Panthers' other playmakers faltered. Long hours of hard practices allowed him to flourish in that role. He averaged 11 points, 6 assists, and 3 steals a game.

He also played his best game of the season at the most opportune of times. BYU-Hawaii begins play this season as an NCAA Division II participant after moving from NAIA Division I.

Wagner saw the Berkeley native play against Bishop O'Dowd in January. Ironically, Wagner was on hand to scout several O'Dowd players, but Fripp's performance got his attention.

Although St. Mary's lost the game to the eventual North Coast Section runner-up, the 5-foot-8 playmaker scorched O'Dowd for 21 points, including 10 in the last quarter. His offensive outburst and tenacious defense kept the game from being a rout.

Just like that, the BYU coach was sold on the stocky point guard.

"All it takes is one game," said St. Mary's coach Jose Caraballo. "Nate had his best game of the season against O'Dowd and the right people saw it."

How highly Wagner thinks of Fripp is apparent by the fact that he received one of only two scholarships the school is offering for next season.

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File 1995

Nathan Fripp's game against O'Dowd this past postseason helped to win him a full ride to Brigham Young University-Hawaii.

Strokes edge rival BHS crews

The Oakland Strokes narrowly beat arch-rivals Berkeley High, in a four-team regatta April 13 on the Oakland-Alameda Estuary. The Marin Rowing Association won most of the varsity-level races.

"These were all very close races," said Al Acosta, coach of the women's varsity and junior varsity crews, "and a big change from last year, when Berkeley was clearly the faster team."

Among the exciting finishes was that of the men's JV race. Berkeley was behind by about a boat length, made a last-minute sprint, and won by 10 seconds. The Strokes' novice crews continued to row well, especially the men's novice teams, which won their races by boat lengths of open water.

The 2,000-meter course, rowed by 8- and 4-oared crew shells, finishes at the pier at Estuary Park on the Embarcadero in Oakland, just west of Fifth Street. For the spectators, this was a great day of racing. The weather was bright and sunny.

The next event will be a three-team regatta to be held April 27 on Lake Merced.

The other teams competing are Capitol Crew from Sacramento, and St. Ignatius. Both are strong teams. Merced can accommodate only a 1,500-meter course, so the races will be tougher over the shorter course.

The Strokes celebrated its 20th anniversary in December. The club has 100 rowers, who race 8- and 4-oared shells from its Embarcadero boathouse. The rowers attend high schools in Oakland, Piedmont, Alameda, Emeryville, and Contra Costa County. For more information about the Strokes, call Frost Prioleau at 540-5044.

For information about introductory youth rowing this summer, call the Lake Merritt Rowing Club at 273-9041.

Mariucci's scrimmage: not pretty



Jeff Lindquist - STAFF

Pat Barnes will be counted upon to be Cal's No. 1 hope at quarterback next season.

By John Gardella

The TV in Cal's media relations office was tuned to ESPN's coverage of the NFL draft. Underclassmen Regan Upshaw and Duane Clemons, the heart of the Bears' defense last year, both of whom opted to turn pro a year early, would soon be selected as the 12th and 16th picks in the first round, respectively.

But down in the stands of Memorial Stadium, Cal fans, bedecked in blue and gold, were getting a look at the '96 Cal football team as it took part in its second spring scrimmage.

It won't be easy rebounding from last year's 3-8 nightmare, but after the short scrimmage, first-year coach Steve Mariucci — who, as the Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator, was instrumental in orchestrating the Pack's stunning playoff upset over the 49ers — is being guardedly optimistic.

"We kept the scrimmage short and sweet, he said. "Because you don't want to get anyone hurt. There are things we need to clean up and polish, but overall it was a good scrimmage and we're right on schedule."

The arrival of Mariucci and the vaunted "West Coast" offense has Cal fans excited. With Mariucci as Cal's offensive coordinator in 1991, the Bears put up 36.9 points a game. Over the past two seasons, however, they've managed just 20.7. Now, the man credited with the development of MVP Brett Favre, is expected to help Cal put a lot more points on the board.

That's why the fans Saturday saw a lot of multiple formations and short passing patterns from the offense. And the players have had to learn new terminology and new assignments in a relatively short time.

"Today's scrimmage was a culmination of having our offense installed," said Mariucci, who spent five years at Cal from 1987 to '91 before moving on to the NFL. "The players are at the saturation point. Now, we have to go back and clean it up and polish it up."

It was evident watching the scrimmage, with several fumbled snaps and dropped passes, that the team is a long way from being game-ready. Mariucci was blunt in his assessment of his team's performance.

"I don't know if we can beat anyone right now," he said. "We have a long way to go. We need to be more efficient."

Aside from the intricate offense the team must digest and learn, Cal suffers from a lack of depth at several positions, including quarterback. After two scrimmages, Mariucci conceded some incoming recruits from a highly-touted class will probably be competing for playing time.

"Ideally we'd like the freshmen to sit out a year," the coach said. "But some frosh will be competing for backup spots. We're not deep enough to redshirt all of them."

Once Cal's wide open passing attack is ironed out, several players on the offense should benefit greatly from it, including quarterback Pat Barnes and tight end Tony Gonzalez, both of whom had strong performances Saturday.



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Steve Mariucci will bring the West Coast offense to Cal in '96.

Half-dozen Cal players going to the NFL/see page 12

Six Bears headed to the NFL



File 1995

DB Je'Rod Cherry (Berkeley High) — New Orleans, No. 2 (40th).

Cal



DE Duane Clemons — Minnesota, No. 1 (16th pick overall).

File 1995

WR Iheanyi Uwaezuoke — San Francisco, No. 5 (160th).





C Ben Lynch — Kansas City, No. 7 (211th) above.



RB Reynard Rutherford — (Free agent), below.



DE Regan Upshaw — Tampa Bay, No. 1 (12th), left.

Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League opens '96 season

By Jon and Ruth Gjerde

After five weeks of spring training, the 22 teams comprising the Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League (ABGSL) are squaring off once again.

MICRO DIVISION

Younger Division

Nelson, Meyer and Ung Bandits vs. Andronico's All Stars

Tassajara Field, 8:15 a.m., the teams arrive to warm up for the season's opener, after being rained out on Wednesday. President Clinton is late to throw out the first pitch, so the game begins without him. Both teams put forth a strong defensive effort but the All Stars consistent hitting overcame even a thrilling rally by the Bandits in the fifth inning for a final score of 18-8.

With the Stars ahead by three entering the second, the Bandits broke out the bat of Emma Kemp who landed a solid double to center. Claire Wilkens who led off with a long drive to center for a triple was followed by a sharp single to right by Hannah Johnson. Next up the mighty Sacha Maxwell opened her season with a center field home run which brought in all three runners.

The Bandits dug in their heels holding the Stars with Danielle Doleman catching a popfly at short and Rachaell Castro, covering first, fielding two line drives to retire the side.

Bandit Erin Woulfe hit a solid drive to center in the fourth to bring in another run.

But it was to be the Stars day. They met the Bandits challenge and scored six runs in the fifth to clinch the lead. Too bad President Clinton missed a great game.

Tiddlywinks Pink Panthers vs. Nolo Press Sharks

The teams were well matched and had strong defense and powerful offense with the Panthers squeaking out a 21-20 win.

The first inning was remarkable for its stunning defense. At first base, Panther Sophie Simon-Ortiz scooped the ball and made all three outs. In the bottom of the inning Sharks first basewoman Corynn Brodsky caught a high fly and tagged the base to make a heads-up unassisted double play.

Hitting came on strong in the second with Amelia Hoff hitting a hard driving grounder into the outfield scoring Victoria Rohrer and Jessica Dervin-Ackerman for Nolo's first runs. For Tiddlywinks, Eva Sheretz, Emily Springhart, and Sydney McIver singled with Naomi Callender-Scott belting a rope into center for two RBI.

Outstanding single-handed defense by Shark first basewoman Jenny Tutass supplied all three outs and held the Panthers to two runs in the third. Tutass snagged a blazing line drive to rob big hitter Rosie Weiss of a sure hit.

In the fourth, Sharks defense stayed sharp with Emily Silverstein bagging a stinging line drive at third base. The Panthers were strong on offense with Mira Bullen and Lydia Raya pounding the ball for doubles. The fifth inning brought a great stop by Mary Stephens of the Sharks who made a quick toss to Amelia Hoff at third base for a force out.

The Sharks rallied in the sixth when Alana Kopke smashed a line drive double off third base and into the outfield scoring Jenny Wheeler-Stein. Good defense by Amanda Hansen in right field robbed a Shark of extra bases. Rosie Weiss of the Panthers blasted a ball down the third base line for a wondrous double.

Mason McDuffie Mustangs vs. Thornwall Properties Silver Bullets

The game, which was tied at the end of four innings, was decided in the fifth and last inning when the Silver Bullets scored nine runs to the Mustang's eight. The score at the end of the slugfest was a whopping 32-31.

In the top of the first, Mustang Julia Linton smacked a line drive to center for a double. But in the bottom of the inning the Bullets responded with a string of hits including one of Anna Meister's three doubles, putting the Bullets up by one.

The defensive play of the game came in the second when Bullet pitcher Brianna Myers caught a pop-up and tossed the ball to second where Vanessa Pratt had come in from the outfield to catch the runner off the base for a double-play! The game was still tight because of good defense by the Mustangs including a strong throw by their pitcher Moriah Grey to get the out at first.

The offensive play of the game was an awesome smash by Mustang Ilana Baar for a home run with two on in the third. The Bullets responded with a string of hits and great base running including the first of her two runs in the game by Lindsey Fuller. The Bullets clung to a slim lead of one run by the end of the third.

The game was tied in the fourth because of great defense by the Mustangs including a strong play by Laelena Brooks and a throw-out by Annie O'Hare. But the Bullets still scored a handful of runs helped by Fay Scott who in addition to being the smallest girl on the team went 4-for-4 with four runs.

The game came down to the fifth when the Mustangs scored eight with clutch hitting by Sarah Ludwig and Alison Alter putting the pressure on the Bullets. The Bullets responded with 10 consecutive hits, capped off by a triple by Sarah Adams then an RBI single by the last batter Helen Marks to put the Bullets up for good by one.

Nolo Press Sharks vs. Mason McDuffie Mustangs

The Mustangs started strong with a solid out on the first hit from the Sharks. Moriah Grey stopped the ball and delivered it to Ilana Baar at first base. At bat in the first inning, the Mustangs started out slowly and only Shaynad Lignell made it to first and then darted all the way to third. After three outs in the next inning, all assisted by Julia Linton, the Mustangs Caroline Cruger-Hansen scored the first run for the Mustangs. Six more followed before they had to give up the batter's box after the 10th batter, Sarah Ludwig, made it to first and got Merrily Grashin to home.

The highlights of the third inning were the two fly balls caught by the Mustangs own Ilana Baar and another by the Sharks Casey. The major play of the fourth inning was a remarkable double play. Quick reflexes helped Julia Linton, playing the pitchers position, to snatch a line drive out of mid-air for the first out and deliver it to Molly McGovern at first. Molly tagged the Sharks runner on first to complete the double play and send the Sharks back to the field.

Ila Kemplin walloped a tremendous fly for the Mustangs deep into center field for the only triple of the day. Allison Alter singled to fill the bases near the bottom of the fourth.

Moriah Grey and Ilana Baar made all three outs in the next inning, sending the Mustangs back for their final time at bat to see if they could break the tie. Katie Bullman started the drive with a solid hit to left, making it to first. The tie was broken when Moriah Grey helped two teammates make it to home. This started a series of five more runs before the Mustangs were finished.

Middle Division

Alta Bates All Stars vs. Grossman & Gibbs Defenders

The Defenders showed great defense immediately in the first inning with Mimi Clinton claiming 2 assists from second base on groundballs while Kelly Havens and Lorin Suslow each singled in the first 2 runs of the game.

The All Stars sharpened up their defense in the second, allowing only 1 run by G & Gs' Kirsten Eames and getting to bat through their order, going back out to the field after 10 batters scored 7 runs.

The only run in the third went to Defender Sara Corrigan-Gibbs. The Defenders' Kirsten Eames was involved in all 3 outs of the 3rd inning from the pitchers spot.

The Stars lost a little of their cool defense in the fourth inning, and G & G really got back their own. Offensively, G&G's Lorin Suslow led off with a rare infield double and scored on Gilly Suslow's single. Later in the inning, Rachel Heavner and Kirsten Eames had RBI singles adding to the G & G team effort that allowed 10 batters the opportunity to score 4 runs.

Suslow made a nice catch at shortstop and defensive teamwork was demonstrated by the Defenders' Gilly Suslow who made 2 nice throws to first basewoman Mimi Clinton.

However, not to be undone, the Stars finished up the fourth with a "wow" of a triple, bringing home 2 more runners.

G & G had a quick "up and down," but not before it scored 2 more runs and showed a terrific defense and team work.

Suslow, in left center, made a great throw to Kelly Havens at 3rd base to force an AB runner out and Rachel Schlessinger made an excellent catch of a foul pop-up from the catcher position behind the plate. This tied the score once more, but AB pulled a couple of quick ones out of their hat before heading back to the field.

In spite of nice outs by Suslow, G & G pitcher, and Zoe Griffith, AB nearly batted round the order, scoring another 5 runs to seal the win.

Final score: Defenders 11, All Stars 17.

Five Star Video Generals vs. Hans Stahlschmidt Painting's Tornados

Gray skies turned sunny as the Tornadoes came from behind for a 20-18 win.

The Five Star Generals scored 6 runs in the third when all 10 batters got singles. Kari Gjerde led off the fourth with a single. Nina Samuel hit a triple to center field sending Kari home. In the fifth, Elizabeth Ali hit a ball deep to center bringing two runners home.

Defensively, Caitlin Drulis and Joanna Letz were outstanding at first base. In the second inning, Caitlin tagged two players out taking great throws from EuNiece Samuel. In the third, Letz also tagged out two Tornadoes at first

The Tornadoes held the Generals to only one run in both the first and sixth. Their biggest scoring inning was in the fifth when they scored seven runs. The Tornadoes showed some great hitting. Kayla Lewis hit a triple bringing in two runners and Elizabeth Howe also hit a triple bringing in three runs. Alisha Keenan was outstanding in the field catching a hard-hit fly.

Older Division

We Be Bop vs. Sweet Potatoes

We Be Bop, coupling strong pitching with a five-run outburst in the second inning, won its first g... the season defeating Sweet Pea... 10-5, on Saturday.

The game was close early... Potatoes gave up two runs in th... but strong defense by Erin Ca... first, who made two putouts, ... the door on We Be Bop batt... Potatoes answered in their half... first when Emilie Louie drove ... to center. Louie stole second an... driven in by a line single by ... Noris.

The second was a different ... With runners on base, Mia A... bopped a double to score two... We Be Bop loaded the bases, ... Boddum laced a long drive to ... which cleared the bases. ... Boddum tried to stretch her ... into a grand slam, however, sh... tagged out at home by Sweet ... catcher Julia Sheng to end the ...

But the five-run inning pro... be adequate. The Sweet Potatoe... swinging. They loaded the ba... the second and fourth, but ... pitching by the foursome of Ash... Becky Waxman, Laura Wiesma... Rebecca Zarchy closed the door... all rallies.

The Potatoes pitching cou... Erica Noble pitched an espe... fine inning in the third.

Jesse Young Construc... vs. Salon Salon

Alison Schopmeyer pitc... scoreless third inning. Sophia B... delivered a powerful triple hit... Raya had a double and single... Goldstein and Melissa Purbaug... recorded base hits.

Katie Eames hit a grand slam... ing an 8-run second. Kyle B... pitched 3 strong innings. Other... ers recording hits were Rachel ... iams, Liz Spivy, and Alice B...

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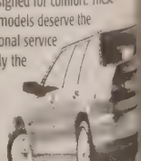
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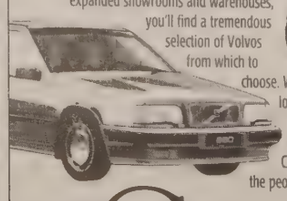
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East Bay Events

Saxophones break new ground



The Berkeley Saxophone Quartet: Art Brockmeyer, soprano; Mike Young, tenor; Tony Gallardo, alto and Arthur Maxwell, baritone.

The Berkeley Saxophone Quartet, while incorporating jazz and contemporary works in its repertoire, concentrates on the unpublished book of such masters as Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Hadyn and Debussy as arranged by Glen Johnston. This Saturday the quartet will appear at 8 p.m. at Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Call 549-3864 for ticket information.

Johnston, an internationally known clarinetist and pioneer in saxophone performance and arranging, devoted the last 35 years of his life to the transcription of orchestral and string quartet masterpieces for the saxophone. The Berkeley Saxophone Quartet remains one of the select recipients of these works.

With an elegance and style that reflects the culture and classical nature of the Bay Area, the Berkeley Saxophone Quartet explores jazz standards and unpublished pieces of local arrangers and composers in the spirit of the eclecticism and free speech inherent in Berkeley

One of the group's long term goals is to expand the public's image of the saxophone

Taboloff plays in Kensington

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra will present a special concert featuring pianist Gregory Taboloff on Sunday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at First Unitarian Church. Taboloff gave an acclaimed debut recital at Carnegie Hall in 1985, and is a frequent soloist in the Bay Area with the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, the Diablo Symphony, Musica Dolce, and the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra.

Taboloff will perform *Concerto in A* Minor for piano and orchestra by Edvard Greig.

Conductor Emeritus Robert Kissel, founder of the Kensington Symphony Orchestra, will conduct this special concert. The orchestra will also perform Schubert's *Symphony No. 8* ("The Unfinished").

First Unitarian Church is at One Lawson Road, Kensington. Tickets will be available at the door for $9 general, $7, seniors, children under 12, free. For more information call 234-9529.



One of the best'

The Jessica Williams trio performs at Maybeck Recital Hall in Berkeley this Sunday at 4 p.m. Call 848-3228 for reservations. Dave Brubeck called Williams "one of the greatest jazz pianist I have ever heard...."

Chick Corea headlines weekend jazz fest

Cal Performances presents jazz great Chick Corea with his acoustic quartet — bassist James Genus, saxophonist Bob Berg and percussionist Gary Novak — at 8 p.m. Saturday at Zellerbach Hall. With his spontaneous, unpredictable style, hallmarks of his historic jams with the Herbie Mann and Miles Davis groups, the Grammy Award-winning pianist showcases his constantly evolving compositional talent and signature extended technique in fresh riffs on work both new and old.

Corea's appearance at Cal Performances headlines the 22nd annual Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival, featuring 60 jazz groups from colleges and universities throughout the Western United States this weekend, April 26-27, on the UC Berkeley campus Sponsored by See's Candies, the Chevron Companies, Yamaha International and UC Jazz Ensembles, this two-day event is the largest student-operated collegiate jazz festival in the nation.

The PCCJF brings hundreds of young jazz musicians together for continuous big band, combo and vocal jazz ensemble performances and competitions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., both inside and out of Zellerbach Hall, Wheeler Auditorium and the UC Choral Rehearsal Hall.

Corea will be the featured artist at the Festival's Jazz Clinic, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Wheeler Auditorium. Day passes for the 22nd Annual Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival are $7 per day, or $10 for

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Simon's *Lost in Yonkers* lingers on the dark side

Local production takes audience to 1942 New York

By Phyllis Lyon

Actors Ensemble players, directed by Donna Davis, successfully capture the thrill of small victories and the agonies of ongoing defeat in Neil Simon's situation tragicomedy, *Lost in Yonkers,* on stage at the Live Oak Theater in Berkeley through May 11.

America's most successful, long-running playwright once again unknots dysfunctional family ties, but this time goes heavier on the tragedy and lighter on the snappy one-liners that made him famous. The departure from Simon-fan expectation won "Lost" four Tony's and Simon a Pulitzer in 1991.

The time is 1942. Grandma Kurnitz and her possibly retarded daughter, Bella, live over and tend the Kurnitz Kandy Kitchen in a downscale section of Yonkers. Son Eddie, a widower who has fallen on hard times and must go on the road selling scrap metal, leaves his adolescent sons, Jay and Arty, to sleep on granny's hide-a-bed while he's traveling.

Simon's granny is no version of your kindly old person in support hose and sensible shoes. She's an ice-cold, unapproachable tyrant who lives on her troubled past and makes her family pay — and pay.

Under the continuing threat of being sent to The Home, the 35-year-old Bella is cowed into staying with her mother to rub her aching back on command and dispense ice cream. Locked into perennial adolescence by the ruling curmudgeon, she sneaks out to the movies for a taste of vicarious love on the silver screen. Although she can't remember

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I am watching my life dribble out through my modem at 9600 baud,' Clifford Stoll remembers thinking shortly before he 'pulled the plug' on his computer. Now, what used to be an eight-to-16-hour-a-day computer habit has been whittled down to about 30 minutes.

Keyboard addict cuts the cord

Conventional communication is OK

By Mike Fitelson

Clifford Stoll is late for an interview but the reporter waits — when you have an opportunity to chat with one of the gurus of computer technology during Unabomber week, you wait.

Before long, Stoll arrives at his Rockridge home, apologizing for his tardiness by saying it has been a typical morning spent doing 10 things at once, including dealing with a raccoon that rampaged through his backyard the previous night.

The interview cannot commence just yet. First he and his partner, Pat, must decide what to do with their one-and-a-half-month old son, Daniel, whose crying contributes to the morning's generally frenzied pace.

After nixing the front room, dining room, computer room, and corner coffee shop as possible locations to converse, Stoll settles into a backyard lawn chair, pulls his knees up to his chest, and does his best impression of relaxation.

"Nobody ever told me that once you had a kid, you worry about it," says the father of two. "The interesting things in life are no longer politics, socializing, culture. They become kid-centered. It's weird."

Many would say Stoll has undergone a weird transformation since his name last circulated the talk-show circuit. That was in 1989, after he published *The Cuckoo's Egg,* chronicling his efforts as a cyber-sleuth tracking down German hackers selling secrets to the KGB.

Stoll's latest book, *Silicon Snake Oil: Thoughts on the Information Superhighway,* documents his disenchantment with all things technological and a lifestyle he now describes as, "a shallow, ersatz substitute for the real thing."

Stoll is no Luddite — he has loved gizmos for far too long for that. But in his latest book, he shouts to the world that the technological emperor has no soul.

"I love technology. I thoroughly like computers, networks, the Internet, and the World Wide Web," the astronomy Ph.D says, punctuating each word with a wild wave of his gangly arms. "But I have a deep distrust of the culture of computers, the culture that says, 'just log in and there will be a warm virtual community.'"

Rather than typing out messages to strangers in the global community, Stoll, who has been online since 1975, now

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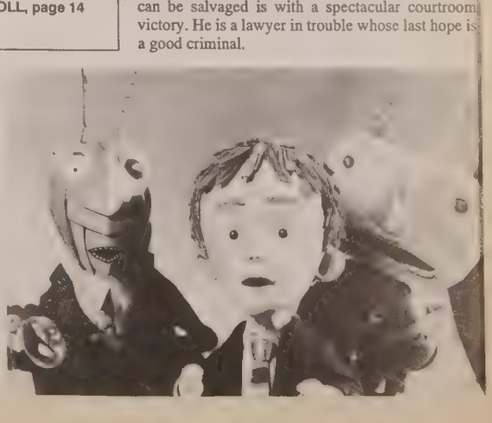
Great stop-action makes peachy film

By Renata Polt

Stop-motion animation is the art of making inanimate objects, such as puppets, appear to move on screen by manipulating them one tiny motion per shot. In terms of labor-intensiveness, it's the modern equivalent of creating a Fabergé egg, or the Bayeux Tapestry — with moving parts.

Which, in this age of instant gratification, makes it all the more remarkable that feature-length films are being created using the method — and films, what's more, of such extraordinary imaginativeness and beauty.

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Berkeley Opera presents



Martha Jane Howe



John Duykers

Fauré opera tells tale of Ulysses

Berkeley Opera's 1996 season continues with the West Coast premiere of Gabriel Fauré's *Penelope,* opening 8 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Julia Morgan Theater, with repeat performances on Saturday, May 4 at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. The performances of Fauré's lyric dramatization of the return of Ulysses also celebrate the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth.

Fauré's three-act opera will be sung in the original French with English supertitles in a concert version with creative visual projections designed by Doug Baird. Berkeley Opera's artistic director, Jonathan Khuner, conducts the orchestra.

Dramatic mezzo-soprano Martha Jane Howe sings the title role and tenor John Duykers performs the part of Ulysses. Lisa Turetsky is Euryclea, William Berges is Eurymachus, and other roles are sung by Julia Perani, Tina Osinski, Barbara Lanier, Michael Sommese, Micah Epps, Michael Kull, Brian Leerhuber and John Wilson.

Of the opera, Khuner says, "The passionate warmth and simple dignity of Fauré's music make this unique retelling of the return of Ulysses a masterpiece. I am thrilled that Berkeley Opera is introducing it to the Bay Area."

Both Bay Area residents, Howe and Duykers have both sung with leading American opera companies. Howe recently completed her fifth season with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, where she has sung roles in *Die Walküre, The Bartered Bride* and William Bolcom's *McTeague,* among others. Other appearances have been with the San Diego Opera, Los

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Comic opera at City Club

Lawyers and criminals sing

Opera da Camera's final production this year at the Berkeley City Club is the world's premiere of a comic opera *The Public Defender* by Seymour Barab. The performance dates are Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m. The work is fully staged and will be sung in English by tenor Tom Acord and baritone Richard Wagner with Ryan Andrew Sandburg as pianist.

The opera take place in the intimate upstairs lounge of the Berkeley City Club, at 2315 Durant Ave.. For reservations phone Opera da Camera at 525-8024. Ticket prices are $15 for general admission and $10 for children and students.

Although he has composed music for every concert medium, including hundreds of art songs, Seymour Barab's great success has been with the medium of opera and his operas are the most-performed of any American composer. Among the opera organizations that have commissioned works by Barab are New York City Opera, Singers Theatre, Detroit Opera, and the Manhattan School of Music.

The libretto of *The Public Defender* was adapted by Mr. Barab from the play *The Duck Brief* by John Mortimer. Prescott, a failed attorney, is appointed public defender to Jones, a confessed criminal. Prescott, with no previous trial experience, has sought this assignment realizing that the only way his career can be salvaged is with a spectacular courtroom victory. He is a lawyer in trouble whose last hope is a good criminal.

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both days, and are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office the day of concerts. Call 642-9988

Original instruments their forte



The San Francisco Early Music Society presents The Streicher Trio (Carla Moore, violin; Sarah Freiberg, cello; Charlene Brendler, fortepiano) in "The Age of Enlightenment: Haydn and Salomon in London," an exploration of the musical juxtaposition of the two colleagues on Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. $18 general, discounts for seniors, students and SFEMS members. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 528-1725.

Teaching trials can be funny

B.O.P. Theatre is will bring it's comedy about teaching — Spit Out Your Gun...It's School Policy — to the Speakeasy Theatre, Seventh and university in Berkeley, from April 26 through May 4.

Written and performed by Miriam Engelberg and Gayle Schmitt, with original music by Schmitt. J. David Blazevich, who also collaborated on the script, directs. "Spit Out Your Gun..." is the tale of two idealistic teachers, one at a primary school and the other at a high school, who confront the realities of teaching in a world of budget cuts and bureaucracy. Schmitt and Engelberg evoke a slightly skewed school environment, playing a variety of characters including Joan Terpstra, who runs her class without being there, George, the custodian with a secret and Dr. Preston, the principal who worships referral forms.

For more information call the Speakeasy Theatre at 845-4100.

Julie's Place presents



Singer-songwriter Judy Fjell performs with Crystal Reeves this Saturday at 8 p.m. at Albany Community Theater, 1249 Marin. Fjell's music has been described as "politically wholesome," and her concerts as "a good time." Tickets are $10 at the door, $8 for seniors. Call 548-8708 for more information.

Stoll

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passes his time meeting his next-door neighbors.

"Local neighbors have become more important to me than reaching out into cyberspace," he says before dashing inside to investigate another burst of his son's crying.

Incidentally, what helped turn Stoll's gaze away from his monitor was old-fashioned community activism — combating speeders on Colby Street.

First he built a radar gun from scratch. Then, working with other neighbors, he gathered signatures to petition the city council for speed bumps.

In the process he began meeting his neighbors, people he always knew existed, but whom he had only known in passing.

The interview resumes in the kitchen where Daniel is in a user-unfriendly snit, refusing a bottle. Dad lifts him up and paces back and forth, the excitement calming the crying.

Stoll's house, built in 1915, is a technology museum of telephones, scientific toys, and home-brewed electronics. The television — a 1954 RCA model — does not work.

Stoll traces his disillusionment to a 1993 vacation on a friend's East Coast farm. The womenfolk were in the kitchen, the menfolk were outside ensconced in a conversation about the New York Knicks. The moon and Jupiter were visible in the night sky.

In this idyllic setting, Stoll was answering e-mail on his laptop.

Soberly, he realized that even on vacation, he could not escape the network.

"I am watching my life dribble out through my modem at 9600 baud," he remembers thinking, shortly before pulling the plug.

Now, what used to be an eight-to-16-hour a day computer habit has been whittled down to about 30 minutes.

His opposition to technology is based on the "faster, better, more" hype buoying the computer industry, an attitude he once believed and helped perpetuate. Now he is asking questions.

"(Computers) are advertised to save time, educate, entertain, and bring us closer together," he explains. "Arguably, they do all those things equally well. Arguably, they do none of them."

In Silicon Snake Oil, he explores whether computers teach or entertain, are tools or glitz, and how much libraries and schools should spend on technology at the expense of other resources.

The bottom line, he says, is debunking the myth that computers by themselves will uplift and enlighten by providing everyone with fingertip access to information.

"The mania with the Information Superhighway is based on the idea that information is power. I don't believe it. Information is not power. Who has the most information in the neighborhood? Librarians do. And they are famous for having no power. Who's got the most power? Politicians do. And they are famous for being ill-informed.

"Where do you get power? From collaborating with constituents, working together, through being actively involved in your community, by devoting hours to a cause. The time you spend on a computer is time spent not doing these things."

Stoll seems satisfied by his monologue, as if for a moment he managed to cut through a mass of factoids to find wisdom, exorcising a past cyber-demon in the process.

Daniel is asleep, chin resting on dad's shoulder.

The once self-described citizen of cyberspace pauses to enjoy a quiet moment of parenthood.

"I realized the people physically closest to me happen to be the most important people to me," he says.

'Yonkers'

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exactly at which theater it was, she finds real love with the head usher, a man who also belongs in a home.

Kathleen Davis plays Bella with a nice mix of optimistic innocence and hopeless frustration. Davis is particularly effective, and funny, arranging and rearranging the chairs, "It's not as I pictured it," to delay springing the secret boyfriend on the old woman.

Jose Velasquez, an estimated 25 years old in real life and bravely cast as Arty, creates a believable 13-year-old lummox forced to down granny's mustard soup. Craig Boleman plays brother Jay, 15, who tries to smooth things out while consigned to work in the store and have his wages docked for the pretzels granny steals on the sly.

As the person most likely to succeed in *Lost*, Jay can probably be read as Simon himself and brothers' trading granny jokes as mirroring his own relationship with his brother, Danny.

Their feckless father, Eddie, as played by Nathan Robinson, evokes sympathy as the weak son, browbeaten by the hard-hearted mother, begging her to take care of his children because he has no other choice.

Joshua David gives a round and



Jose Velasquez (Arty), Craig Boleman (Jay), and Linda Wetmore Halpern (Gert) in 'Lost in Yo...

full-fledged performance as Uncle Louie, the small-time gangster on the lam. He whirls through the apartment with bag of money in hand, inspiring the boys to dreams of ill-gotten glory and advising them that the way to subdue the tyrant is to face her off.

Linda Wetmore Halpern as Gert, the married Kurnitz daughter who comes over to kibitz from the sidelines, conquers what must be a difficult, if not painful, actor's task. While Gert may have escaped granny's iron-willed rule, she cannot speak in the old lady's presence without inhaling in loud horsy snorts.

In the middle of the sturm and drang is the Teutonic despot herself, Granny Kurnitz, played with tight-lipped hostility by Pamela Marsh.

Lost in Yonkers by its premise, is not destined to end with a pot of gold and a rainbow. Enough that Marsh, in what is essentially a one-note role, smiles a little at last and appears to bend some... Bella decides to stay on ... and the grandsons, having ... cued by their father, ... visit sometimes.

Simon asking his fans ... their serious 1991 sensibi... the stony dictations of a fem... ish Hitler in Yonkers is ... either a joke or a mystery ... ther way he has peppered h... domestic drama with the ... love and the Actors Ensem... made the most of it.

Peach

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In Henry Selick's *James and the Giant Peach*, for instance, one shot occupying 12 seconds of screen time took six days to film. But the triumph of the picture, adapted from Roald Dahl's 1961 children's book, is that you're so absorbed watching it that you scarcely think about the technique — and there's plenty of technique, given the fact that each frame is occupied with moving figures.

Selick, a Disney veteran who now lives in Tiburon and works in San Francisco, is the director of the 1993 *Nightmare Before Christmas*, to which "James" bears a lot of resemblance. However, the new film is lighter both in mood and in color and less frenzied. Unlike its predecessor, it also incorporates live action as well as computer animation.

The story begins in live action, but with stylized, almost surreal settings. Young James (newcomer Paul Terry) lives in late '30s or early '40s England with his loving Mum and Dad, but when they're both killed by a rhinoceros ("There are no rhinoceri here," says one character — but there are, there is) he's forced to live with two sadistic aunts, Aunt Sponge (Miriam Margolyes) and Aunt Spiker (Joanna Lumley, of "Ab Fab" fame).

A kind of male Cinderella, James endures their cruelty while dreaming of escape to New York where, his father always said, "dreams come true." When a strange old man (Pete Polstlethwaite) gives James a bag full of magical crocodile tongues, all sorts of strange things begin to happen — such as the single peach on the aunts' tree growing to immense proportions.

When James, now animated and every bit as adorable in puppet form as in real life, crawls into a hole in the peach, he finds an odd bunch of kid-size companions: the Centipede (Brooklyn-accented voice of Richard Dreyfuss), the Ladybug (Jane Leeves), the Glowworm (Miriam Margolyes), the sophisticated Miss Spider (Susan Sarandon), and the Earthworm (David Thewlis).

When the buggy chorus sings Randy Newman's "That's the Life" (one of several pleasant songs), there's a lot of arms and legs to choreograph.

James and his new "family" take off on their adventure, which includes harnessing a flock of seagulls and an unscheduled underwater episode, where *Nightmare before Christmas*'s Jack Skellington puts in a cameo appearance. Some scenes, such as a shark attack, might be a bit scary for little kids, though I didn't hear any wails at the Saturday matinee I attended.

To keep adults happy, there's sophisticated verbal humor in addition to the visuals, such as a pre-WWI Manhattan, complete with elevated trains and old cars.

And those who stay through the credits (they take up 16 pages in the press kit!) will be rewarded little treat at the end.

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Angeles Opera and Santa Fe Opera, among others. She also performs regularly with symphony orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony and Minnesota Orchestra.

Duykers created the role of Mao Tse Tung in John Adams' *Nixon in China* for Houston Grand Opera and subsequently performed the role at Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center.

Tickets for *Penelope* are priced at $20 (adult), $18 (senior) and $15 (youth-17 and under). Student rush tickets are $8 on the night of performance, as available. Tickets can be ordered through CitiArts Box Office at 798-1300.

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Fripp

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Fripp, who will be leaving for Hawaii in late August, said he's going to spend the summer developing his game.

"I'm going to play often this summer," he said. I need to strengthen my ball handling and decision making skills because coach Wagner said I'll get a lot of playing time right from the start."

Fripp, one of three children, was an all-league selection this season in both basketball and football, where he played defensive back and tailback. He's also a member of the school's track and field team.

While he received some interest from schools for his play on the gridiron, the three-sport athlete said basketball is the sport he enjoys most.

"It's fantastic for Nate," said Caraballo, who, throughout the season, had contacted several junior colleges and four-year schools regarding Fripp's services. "He told me early on that he wanted to concentrate on basketball at the next level. I'm just glad I was able to help."

Caraballo thinks Fripp has the ability to be a very successful player at the next level.

"Nate's never played just one sport exclusively," Caraballo said. "Now that he's just going to concentrate on basketball he should just keep getting better."

The only downside could be that BYU, a Mormon institution, doesn't allow facial hair, which means Fripp will have to shave the beard and mustache he's had all year.

Fripp laughs. "That's a small price to pay," he said.

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Cal CAL DIGEST Cal

Baseball team beats USF, is swept by SC

Last week the University of California baseball team defeated San Francisco, 7-3 on Tuesday, and was swept by No. 2 USC, 8-0, 3-2 and 8-6, over the weekend at Evans Diamond.

Highlights for the Bears was the hitting of senior right fielder Gavin Brown. After hitting into a triple play in the fourth inning, Brown went on to hit home runs in his next two at bats — solo shot in the seventh and a two-run homer in the eighth. A top hitter for Cal last week was senior designated hitter Jonathan Petke, who was 6-for-15 with two doubles and three RBI.

In Cal's series against USC, Petke was 4-for-10 with a double and an RBI. He currently has 129 career RBI, 10th-best in Cal history. On the season, Petke leads Cal in hits (61, tied with Ivan Lewis) and RBI (49, averaging an RBI a game).

Junior center fielder Ivan Lewis stoled three bases last week and currently has 91 career stolen bases, fifth on the Cal all-time list.

In Cal's 3-2 loss to USC, junior right-hander Keith Evans (4-6, 4.82 ERA) threw 7.0 innings with nine hits, three runs, two walks and four strikeouts. He leads the Bears in complete games (3), in innings pitched (89.7) and strikeouts (59).

The Bears next host Arizona in a three-game series at Evans Diamond, beginning Friday, at 2:30 p.m.

Ruggers in Final 4

Cal's rugby team (11-4-1) defeated Air Force, 52-23, Sunday at Stanford to advance to the Final Four for the sixth consecutive year. The Final Four will be held May 4-5 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Falcons jumped on top, 3-0, with an early penalty kick, but the reeled off 27 straight points, 14 by senior Kevin Dalzell.

Saturday, Cal shut out Virginia Tech, 37-0, to reach the next round. The Bears are the five-time defending national champions and have won 12 of the 16 titles since the tournament's inception in 1980.

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Out and About

By Frosene Phillips

The 385 Colusa address in Kensington has enjoyed a history of restaurant business that has ranged from the acclaimed Narsai's to Middle Eastern to Italian and, most recently, Brazilian. 385 Colusa Brazilian Restaurant has been opened almost five months under the ownership of Jales Valadao.

Valadao enlisted the husband and wife team of Silvio Barbosa, Jr. and Rosana Brito to handle operations. Barbosa handles the kitchen duties while the charming and energetic Brito oversees the dining room. No strangers to the restaurant business, the team's previous history includes a stint at San Francisco's Bahia Tropical.

With aspirations of including Brazilian and Latin entertainment — specifically dinner and cocktail shows — in the future, 385 Colusa is currently concentrating on the food. Brito's background is steeped in the local Brazilian community where she has taught and performed dancing as well as being appointed San Francisco's Carnival street parade queen in 1992. Before Brito introduces her patrons to the exhilarating spirit musically, you can anticipate this same goal through the food.

Feijoada Completa, the national dish of Brazil, is the signature dish here. At $12.95, this hearty stew features black beans, smoked meats and sausages. It is served with rice, collard greens, a toasted manioc flour *farofa*, which is sprinkled over items, and a spicy vinagrette. Six additional Brazilian specialties are offered. Notably, the Frutos da Mar a Brasileira is a delicious combination of mussels, clams, scallops and prawns that have been sauteed with coconut milk, pineapple, herbs and spices ($14.95). The Bacalhoada dish, however, offers tamer flavors and is Portugese inspired. Codfish is poached with potatoes, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes and cilantro ($14.95).

In an effort to attract a variety of customers, the menu also features pasta dishes from $9.95 to $11.95, pizzas from $7.95 to $12.95 and 10 tapas starting at $4.50. The menu was recently adjusted to reflect these additions but the attraction here is the cuisine of Brazil.

Simply decorated, the walls are adorned with the paintings of artist Ilana Goldner. 385 Colusa is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. for dinner nightly. For reservations, call (510) 526-1500.

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RESTAURANT BITES: Berkeley's East Bay French-American School (Ecole Bilingue de Berkeley) is planning a special event Sunday, May 5. The 18th annual *Kitchen Tour and Raffle* supports the school's scholarship fund. The tour consists of eight East Bay kitchens that have been designed by leading architects, a celebrity chef breakfast in a garden of a home in Piedmont, a gourmet luncheon at a Willis Polk estate in Berkeley and a raffle for hundreds of prizes including a trip for two to Paris and more. Award-winning chef-owner Gerald Hirigoyen of San Francisco's *Fringale* and *Pastis* restaurants will give a cooking demonstration at the celebrity chefs breakfast. Joining the chef guest list will also be: Jean-Pierre Moulle of *Chez Panisse*; Kimball Jones of *Wente Bros*; Todd Humphries of *Campton Place*; George Morrone of *One Market*; Faz Poursohi of *Faz*; Craig Thomas of *Citron*; Bette Kroening of *Bette's Diner*; author Alice Medrich; Narsai David (who's kitchen, incidentally, is part of the tour) and KCBS reporter Al Hart. Kitchens are open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are $35 for the kitchen tour and champagne luncheon. A $75 ticket includes the celebrity chef breakfast. The school boasts nearly 500 children from 45 different nationalities in preschool through 8th grade. For tickets and information, call the East Bay French-American School at (510) 549-3790.

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MUSICAL NOTES: Berkeley's Maybeck Recital Hall is featuring a special jazz presentation on Saturday, May 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. If you play, study or appreciate piano jazz, this is one engagement that you won't want to miss. Judy Carmichael will perform a variety of pieces on the piano while juxtaposing rare film clips that include such greats as Fats Waller, Count Basie and Benny Goodman along with discussion. Rewarded a National Endowment of the Arts grant in 1990, the jazz film project was launched and Carmichael introduced early jazz greats on film, discussing the history and development of jazz piano with students across the country. Tickets are $25. The Maybeck Recital Hall is located at 1537 Euclid Ave. Call (510) 848-3228 for more information.

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WEEKEND SCENE: Johnny Ray y Su Salsa con Clase at **Kimball's East**...Conjunto Cespedes Friday and Orquesta Peru Saturday at **Kimball's Carnival**...Live recording session with the Jessica Williams Trio Sunday at the **Maybeck Recital Hall**...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at **Cafe Caracas**...Jim Brown at **Scott's**...**Daniel's in Albany** closed for vacation...Daddy Goddus Friday and the Chris Cobb Band Saturday in the Terrace Lounge at the **Claremont Resort**.

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Wallace Roney Quintet at **Yoshi's Nitespot**...Paula West Wednesday, Brenda Boykin Thursday and May Cavallero Friday with the Eddie Pasternak, Roger Glenn Duo at **Gertrude Stein**...Spiny Norman Saturday at the **Pacific Coast Brewing Co.**...John Turk at the **Ramada Inn**...Brenda Boykin and Home Cookin' Friday and Dirty Rice Saturday at the **Baltic**.

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COMEDY SCENE: Mark Pitta through Sunday and the "Totally Live Dating Game" Monday at **Tommy T's** San Ramon...**SAN FRANCISCO:** Dave Chappelle and Greg Behrendt at the **Punch Line**...Clinton Jackson at **Cobb's Comedy Club**.

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State."

What did Meyers think about that? "I liked him," Meyers said. "I'd never heard anything like that in my life. Most guys would have made an excuse, like his shoulder hurt. Here's a guy who wanted to be absolutely prepared for this day."

Dudley recalled the incident Saturday in a conference call with sportswriters. "I wasn't prepared mentally," he said. "It was an honesty situation." You get an "A" for telling the truth, Rickey, but, when you get a chance, could you please define for us the term "honesty situation?"

Honesty situations aside, it is clear that Dudley upgrades the Raiders football situation. He wowed the scouts at Ohio State on March 6 with his speed, brains and especially his size. In fact, when some TV announcer refers to Dudley as "the big tight end," the cliche will, for once, be appropriate. He's 6-6, 249, the kind of guy who can leap over a squat, slow linebacker and grab a ball out of the air.

Dudley will be like another wide receiver, taking some of the defensive focus off Tim Brown. He will run down the field, causing defenses to commit safeties to him. That could open things up for the running backs, and add creativity to the Raiders stodgy offense, and cause a million other good things to happen.

Last season, opponents didn't have to commit safeties to the tight ends, who almost never ran for yardage after the catch. A tackling dummy could have stopped Raiders tight ends.

What's interesting about all this is that the Raiders are reverting to a hallowed tradition. It used to be that the tight end was central to their offense, a team leader, a game breaker. Billy Cannon. David Casper. Raymond Chester. Todd Christensen. Great players. If you substituted for them with the game on the line, they would have gone nuts.

Dudley ought to be like them. From what we hear, he will demand the ball, and he will scare the wits out of defensive backs, and he will win games by himself. The only thing that troubles us about him is that "high-character" business. Are these the Oakland Raiders, or what?

Swim

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Back to the present, Henri expects to beat Pinole Thursday and even up Berkeley's record.

"We've been a little stronger than Pinole the past few years, so hopefully we can handle them today," he said.

With two weeks left in the regular season, Henri said he expects his team to finish third behind Monte Vista and Carondelet.

"With league dives and trials approaching, if we're healthy and have our whole team together, we have a chance to be successful," he said. If Berkeley gets by Pinole, next week's opponent, Antioch, should provide a barometer of how the Jackets will fair in the postseason.

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Martin Snapp

Every Dog Has His Day In Court: When I was in France a couple of years ago, one of the first things that struck me was that everyone took their dogs into restaurants with them.

"What a civilized country!" I thought to myself. I told my French friends you'd never be allowed to do that in the United States.

They were shocked. "But of course," they replied, "you *are* allowed to take your dogs into supermarkets, aren't you?"

But it turns out I'm not the only one who thinks we should do as the French do. At this very moment, the California State Bar is considering Resolution 5-1a-96, authored by San Francisco attorney Laura Goldin, which — if passed — would amend the California Health & Safety Code to "enable owners and operators of food service establishments to set aside areas for dogs in such establishments."

Understand, you can't submit a resolution to the state bar about just *anything*. It has to have *some* relevance to the law — like how the proposed resolution would fight crime or improve public health.

So Golden thought long and hard (and consulted extensively with her own dogs, Josie and Mandy), and here's what she came up with:

"The presence of dogs in a food establishment has at least two substantial benefits. The first benefit is the protection of the food establishment against crime. Most criminals do not want to take chances when a dog is present. Thus, the food establishment is less likely to be victimized by criminals.

"The second benefit is the mental well-being of the dog's human companion. Because dogs are such warm and wonderful company, the human companion will feel loved and comforted by the presence of the dog. Those human companions otherwise inclined to commit crimes because of their own loneliness and feelings of lack of love will be less likely to do so because of the attention they are getting from their dog.

"It is also reasonable to expect the food establishments which allow dogs on the premises will be cleaner and healthier facilities. Dogs are far more alert than most food service providers, and will hastily clean foods which have fallen to the floor. Clean floors are not only healthier, but safer than floors with food."

That's *my* kind of lawyer!

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Meanwhile, many readers have been asking me how my romance with my new girlfriend is going.

Before I answer, I have an official announcement: I've been informed in no uncertain terms that I am no longer to refer to her as my "girlfriend." She thinks it's demeaning.

I asked her what term I should use instead. She thought a moment, then brightened and said, "'Reason for Living' will do nicely."

So to answer the question: I guess things with my Reason for Living (hereafter to be referred to as my RFL) are going fine.

Except for one little problem.

Make that one BIG problem.

Her cat, Molly, hates me.

She hides under the bed every time I come over. (Molly, that is, not my RFL.)

Now, my RFL doesn't mind. She has more perspective where cats are concerned than I do. (Of course, who doesn't?)

And Molly doesn't mind. My RFL says Molly acts this way with everyone. (Except for what she calls a "few" exceptions, like her friend Becky and her friend Cynthia and her friend Renee and her friend. . .I could go on and on, but I think you get the picture.)

Bit *I* mind. It makes me feel guilty. I feel like this cat's whole life went down the toilet the second I stepped into the picture.

In short, I feel like an evil stepfather. (It doesn't help when my RFL tries to soothe her by saying, "Don't worry, Molly, the bad man won't hurt you.")

So that's where I need your help. Do you have any ideas? I tried bribing her with cat treats, but all she did was wolf them down and then zip back under the bed.

Then I consulted a feline psychologist.

I should make that clearer: I consulted a human psychologist who specializes in analyzing cats. She suggested hanging out next to the bed for hours on end, dangling a cat dancer toy in front of Molly to coax her out.

But, as my RFL pointed out, "Molly is 15 years old. She wouldn't play with that thing even if *I* dangled it in front of her."

I even gave Molly my late cat Eliza's super high-tech heating pad. She likes it all right, but has that changed her attitude toward me one bit? Forget it.

I'm open to suggestions. Heck, I'm *desperate* for suggestions. Please call, write or e-mail and tell me what to do.

As I said, my relationship with my RFL is fine. But this is something far more important: How can I call myself Catman if I can't get along with a cat?

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Write Martin c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, phone him at 273-9039, or e-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org or Catman 666@aol.com

Crime

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A teletype also helped police detectives solve the July, 1995 murder of 50-year-old transient James McLean. McLean was allegedly stabbed and beaten to death by suspected serial killer Robert Joseph Silveria last year near the Southern Pacific railroad tracks in Albany. Silveria first became a suspect in the McLean case in March after a teletype alerted officers to similarities between murders Silveria was connected with and that of McLean. Silveria is also suspected of the 1994 murder of an 18-year-old student in Emeryville. He is currently awaiting trial in Oregon in connection with the murder of another transient there.

Senior

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It was a shock to Sims, who immediately checked two other centers in Berkeley and the Open House Senior Center in El Cerrito. He found either no computers or "dinosaur" models.

"That day I founded "SeniorSoar!" he said.

In just over a month, the organization has grown to 150 persons.

Sims' idea was to encourage municipalities to provide technologies as services to its citizens at a minimal cost, or even no cost, as private financing is found.

"I thought El Cerrito and Berkeley would be my two test cases," he said. "Eventually, I want to design the module to go out nationally."

Sims was used to working with City Hall in Berkeley; as a bank manager in Berkeley, he'd served as banker for the city in the '70s, handling Certificates of Participation and other financial matters.

Unfortunately, wheels move slower in a bigger city. The Berkeley "SeniorSoar!" program has not yet come on line.

Sims grew up in El Cerrito; he was able to draw on those connections in the community to get things going more quickly. Working with Bill Guggemos, he said, was an experience in "how City Hall should work.

"The difference was amazing," he said. "In Berkeley, everyone was willing, but it's been much more difficult because of the city's size."

Guggemos was excited about the idea and, according to Sims, single-handedly arranged for the two essential contributions to the program.

"Within 30 days, Software Solutions had donated a computer, and DSP had provided Internet access," said Sims, again reiterating that "the concept is donation, not purchase."

Everyone at the senior center, including director Ellen Paasch, as well as other city staff members, like Jim Randall and Gerry Raycraft, has been enthusiastic about the program, said Sims, who believes everyone involved is coming from the same place he is.

"I don't like senior citizens to be overlooked and neglected," he said. "Bill Guggemos and the others share the same philosophy."

The El Cerrito project is dedicated to the memory of musician Tom Fogerty. Sims's closest friend, Fogerty was a resident of El Cerrito and made many contributions himself to the community.

For his part, Sims has been sending out messages around the world asking for greetings to El Cerrito's and Berkeley's senior citizens. His goal is to create a "point, click and smile" situation for the new computer users.

"My heritage is part Cherokee," he said. "That's why I was thrilled when a Cherokee web site in Texas responded with a gorgeous greeting they'd designed. It brought tears to my eyes."

Sims and his wife travel often to France; he said mini-greetings from all over that country will soon be coming in for El Cerrito's and Berkeley's seniors.

"It shows El Cerrito seniors that someone out there knows and loves them," he said. "It also shows them that the computer is a friendly little guy."

The friendly, "point, click and smile" approach is the same one Sims is using as the program's first tutor. He's teaching Solitaire first. It's a new approach to a familiar pastime and helps new users to build their comfort level with everything from clicking and dragging the mouse to working windows and beginning to understand new terms.

Sims has many continuing connections with UC-Berkeley since he was a student and a CAL varsity yell leader. He's used those connections to set up a "SOARcerers Squad," composed of "whiz computer and business students" willing to volunteer their time to the cause. James Wang, president of the Computer Students Undergraduate Association, is heading a donations program on campus as well as organizing volunteers.

Members of the "Canyon Gang" are serving as project managers. Over the years, Sims and his wife "adopted" 24 neighborhood kids, opening their home as a place to just hang out, for teenage parties without drugs. The couple tried to serve as mentors to the kids; Sims took them to UC-Berkeley to show them what college life was like.

"I only lost one to drugs," he said. "The others all got college degrees and have successful careers."

Once Berkeley's senior computer program is off the ground, Sims hopes to take his computer access ideas to various Native American tribes in the same way. He hopes that will be the next step in making computer services available nationally to everyone who might benefit from all the new technologies have to offer.

Donations are "needed and accepted" for the computer project, said Sims. Interested contributors can mail them to "SeniorSoar!" Open House Senior Center, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito 94530.

Survey

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paper as a source of city information (56.9 percent). Respondents tend to get most of their information from "The El Cerrito Journal" (60 percent) and secondarily from the West County Times (49 percent).

Franz presented her own analysis. The two major changes indicated by survey results were that "people are a few years older" than in the 1990 survey and that police response times are viewed as being a little slower (see accompanying article). Otherwise, she said, "most of the things that did change went downward (in positive response) just a little."

None of theose reponses were statistically significant from Franz's point of view.

"All of them could be accounted for mathematically," she said, "but altogether, they may indicate that something is a little amiss."

In general, Franz said, residents consider El Cerrito a pleasant and generally safe place to live, with courteous city officials and a municipal government that desires to maintain services.

At the same time, Franz pointed to "a couple of caveats" in that summary.

Franz noted that, "absent any further information at all, campaign literature, for example," residents who responded to the survey would not vote to increase the utility users' tax but would probably vote to retain it (with 62.5 percent responding "definitely" or "probably"). A campaign to increase the tax might call for "an uphill battle" requiring "more education," she said.

There is also "not much interest" in increasing service fees as a source of revenue, she said.

In a third area, residents were questioned about a possible change in garbage pickup services. Franz noted that respondents are "borderline on annual (debris) pickup" as a possible city service. While 51 percent said they would be willing to have the city pick up debris other than yard waste (the "bulky waste" pickup) once a year rather than twice if yard waste was picked up every other week, 35 percent said they would not be willing. Franz also considered the 9.4 percent who "didn't know" to be a significant number and questioned whether residents really understand the tradeoff they might be asked to make.

The survey was conducted in March, inv... called 2,517 "potentially usable numbers" (work... bers that were not business phones, for example)... cases, busy signals or "no answers" were the re... four tries.

"Appropriate contacts" were made in 57%... those called, 430 residents completed intervie... percent positive response rate.

The survey report also included the compu... answers to the last question posed: "Could you ... me how you felt about participating in this sur...

As Franz reported to the council members, "... dents seem generally pleased with your effort to ... about how they feel about things."

As one resident put it, "It's always nice to b...

Said another, "The mere fact that I'm sit... chatting with you would tell you that I approv... fact that government leaders are reaching out ... individuals' opinions rather than sitting behind ... and saying, 'This is how it is.'"

A third said (s)he always says no to telepho... tors but felt it was worthwhile to participate in th...

A few residents felt they had learned somet... the city of El Cerrito just from the questions be... Some were a bit apologetic, even "embarrassed," ... lack of knowledge on city affairs.

"I'm definitely going to find out the names of ... council members and mayor," said one.

"It makes you realize how unaware you ar... government," said another.

Some residents didn't appreciate being call... the evening hours, however. They would have ... interviewers to try in the morning first. (Calls ... made on Saturday.) A number of residents felt th... was too long but appreciated being told at the be... that it would take "about 10 minutes."

While almost everyone was positive to the ... being asked, several residents questioned the ... the survey and a few wondered whether the ... would result in any substantive change in th... approach to decision-making.

As one respondent said, "...hopefully the inf... gathered will get put to good use and allow impr... of city services."

Watershed

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untreated into storm drains and thus directly into the Bay. Hale said that restored creeks and wetlands help filter out such pollution before it reaches the ocean, and that his department was part of a nationwide effort to increase awareness about stormwater pollution on the local level.

Hale also stressed the fact that those present were part of a two-pronged, citizen-based effort to remedy the stormwater problem. By participating in restoration projects and sending a strong message to lawmakers, Hale said, citizens can help cut down on pollution. According to Hale, only 13 percent of people surveyed in 1991 knew that storm drains were essentially conduits straight to the Bay.

Also speaking was Clark Wilson, a UC Berkeley graduate student in landscape architecture who will be working on his thesis project this summer in Albany. Wilson showed slides of urban designs which could help curb the stormwater problem.

According to Wilson, one of the main impediments to preventing stormwater pollution lies in the fact that more than 40 percent of urban land consists of paved streets and alleyways, which force rainwater into storm drains and the Bay.

Wilson showed slides of possible eco-friendly street designs in Albany which would include installing islands of trees and grass down the middle of residential streets. Such designs, Wilson said, would not only slow down traffic and make Albany a greener, more beautiful place to live, they would also help rainwater soak into the earth, replenishing the local groundwater supply and helping filter out pollution.

"Positive alternatives are out there," said Wilson, who, although he admitted that such designs might be a bit idealistic and "a vision is a good thing to start with."

Gary Mason, a landscape architect with Berkeley-based Wolfe, Mason and Associates, spoke about the importance of integrating city planning and creek restoration efforts. Mason showed sketches of a proposed path along Codornices Creek from San Pablo Avenue to West Frontage Road, one of a number of projects currently in the planning stages in Albany.

Such a project, Mason said, was a perfect example of the integrated approach needed to cut down on ... restore creeks and give the community increased ... to urban waterways.

Sonja Wadman, a volunteer with Americorps ... Watch, which has been organizing local creek cl... spoke about the importance of citizen involve... making community visions a reality. Wadman ... because her tenure at City Hall will be ende... summer, now is the time for citizens to step u... actively lobby for creek restoration.

"It's really important that the community take... Wadman said.

Kathy Kramer, education director for the San... cisco Estuary Institute, echoed Wadman's message ... community involvement.

"If people have a desire to do this then they ... make it clear to the City Council," said Kramer, w... helped organize creek restoration groups in San Le... and Oakland. The next step for Albany residents ... said, would involve forming a their own group t... for such issues.

Audience members were for the most part ho... with enthusiasm over the presentation, which org... considered a success.

"I thought it gave the community a much better ... what we're talking about," said Diamera Bach, ... environmental resources assistant. Bach said tha... who are interested in creek restoration can join the ... formed Friends of the Albany Watershed group ... has been meeting once a month since February ... interested can attend the group's next meeting o... day, May 6 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 ... Avenue, at 6 p.m., or call 528-5760 for more inform...

The presentation represented a critical crossr... terms of seeing many of the aforementioned ... through. With the recently-announced retirement ... bany Mayor Mike Brodsky, who has made hims... preeminent point man on local environmental is... the end of the Americorps program, a strong, ... based lobby will be needed to push creek restor... the front of the City Council agenda.

"It takes one person to rise up and make it ha... said Kramer. "The question is who is that person...

Earth

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Civic Theatre filled another 20-cubic-yard dumpster.

"About 40 volunteers worked on that area," he said.

Tree plantings were another major activity of the day. Portola High School students and parents were organized by that school's principal to plant trees on campus. Site coordinators at other schools organized their own tree-planting groups, resulting in 11 new trees at Castro Elementary, for example, and five new trees at Windrush School.

It was Witherell's job to about 25 coordinators, one for each work site.

"Some people just came to the El Cerrito Community Center Saturday morning to get assignments to different projects," he said. "In other cases, the site coordinator organized their own teams. Janet Abelson, for example, personally contacted 30 people for ... at Harding."

In another type of improvement project, comm... development manager Gerry Raycraft organi... crew that painted "probably 50 or 60 light poles" ... San Pablo Avenue.

Those were just the "highlights of the day," ... cording to Witherell. Significant work was ... accomplished along other areas of the C... Greenway, at Poinsett and Tassajara Parks, in ... El Cerrito, and on city property at Ashbur... Eureka.

After several hours of work, volunteers ga... at the community center for a celebration ... organized by administrative services manager ... Randall and recreation director Monica Kort...

PTA

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may vary. The number of students seen by one teacher at Albany High School is currently limited to 150 a day, averaging to 30 per class.

The school board will begin negotiating next year's budget this month. Teachers have repeatedly stated that their long-term goal is to reduce, not increase, class sizes. Albany parents who feel that classes are already large enough will need to keep themselves informed on this as on other negotiated issues.

Meetings This Week

Tonight, April 25, from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at Marin School, the Parent Education committees of Marin, Cornell, and Vista-MacGregor will present speakers David Boniske and Danni Verona in a program called "How Does Your Engine Run?" Come and learn techniques to help your children achieve "an optimal learning state." Child care and refreshments will be provided.

Tonight is also the Albany Middle School Open House. AMS parents and students are invited to view displays of student work.

What to do when you unplug that set: Following up on last week's column about turning off the TV, Mary Jo Senica from the Vista-MacGregor PTA called to invite all Albany families to join in Vista-MacGregor's Family Night, April 29, in the AMS Gym, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The program includes storytelling by Gay Ducey (who appeared recently — dare I say it? — on "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood") and an international sing-along with Vista-MacGregor's music teacher, Moira Little.

The Family Night emphasizes active entertainment. Come remind yourself what a pleasure it is to enjoy live music-making and storytelling in the company of friends and neighbors. Kids can come in pajamas if they want to.

Also that night: **Albany PTA Council** postponed its April 22 meeting so that members could attend the city's Youth Task Force meeting. We will meet Monday, April 29, at Albany Middle School, at 7:30 p.m. This is an important meeting; we will choose next year's officers. All interested parents are warmly invited to attend, listen and vote.

Kindergarten Registration begins Wednesday, May 1, at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Memorial Park, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parents who cannot register on that date should do so at their nearest elementary school during the remainder of the month.

School Watch

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collapse but also "deal with the problems that ... Walter Marks."

The Richmond Area League of Women Voters ... a geographic area roughly equivalent to the WCC... including the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole... mond, and San Pablo, and the unincorporated ... Kensington and El Sobrante. Copies of the L... report on the financial condition of the WCCUSD ... information on League activities can be obtain... writing the league, P.O. Box 1048, Richmond 94...

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To move or not to move: a question of aging



TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 142 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

We received a letter this week from a reader who, at age 86, is still contentedly living alone in her house. But she has some concern that a sudden illness might mean that she'd have to sell and she's wondering how she'd manage.

Also, apparently she has quite a sizable accumulation of memorabilia and such and can't think whom she would have deal with it.

Do we have any suggestions? Her relatives live out of state and, while they might come to her aid, she assumes that other responsibilities would prevent little more than a brief visit.

A number of thoughts quickly rushed to mind as I read this letter. First that we are all growing older, most of us have a lifetime collection of stuff and, at some point, someone is going to have to deal with us and our things.

Then I thought about my own mother who lives alone in her house in El Cerrito. She is now 78 and has recently been quite sick.

Her house is too far away to allow me to visit her or assist her very often and so, for the last several months, she has had to rely on her good friends and hired help to do her grocery shopping, laundry and cooking.

I invited her to come to stay at my house but she understandably prefers to be on her own. In fact, over the years, she has told me a number of times that she would like to live out her days in the house she chose up on a hill where she can look out; she would like to go on doing her quilting and seeing her friends and, hopefully, will die peacefully in her own bed. This sounds good to me. I wish it for her, for myself and for our letter writer.

Unfortunately we can't always choose. We frequently see houses for sale belonging to people who have moved in with relatives or gone to retirement or nursing homes.

I can immediately remember well three older home sellers I've met over the years: women whose families had insisted that they make a move before they wanted to.

These were not my clients; I had simply gone to see the houses and, yet in their despair, each expressed to me, a stranger, their dismay over their circumstances.

"My daughter says it is not safe for me to live alone any longer," said one. "She is making me go to Texas to live with her. I left Texas 50 years ago because I hated it there but what can I do?" I was at a loss for an answer.

A year or so ago, a woman asked us to come to look at her house and talk to her about what she should do next. She was, she said, getting older and she felt she should be thinking about selling. "Of course," she added, "I have no idea where I'd go."

We asked if she was comfortable in the neighborhood, if she still enjoyed living in the house. She said she liked the house very much, could still easily manage the stairs up front and she had many friends on the block.

"But I suppose I'll have to move one day and probably need to redo the kitchen — it's so old-fashioned — and probably the inside of the house should be painted, too."

We didn't think the kitchen needed redoing. And, although perhaps painting would be in order, it could be easily accomplished when needed. We said it seemed that things were working just fine for her and that it was premature to worry about selling. We gave her the name of a handyman we know who could make some minor repairs and wished her well.

But what if she got sick and had to move? Who would oversee the painting and cleaning and the disposition of her belongings?

Usually there are family members who would come and go through the house. If not, or if help was needed, we would recommend an estate liquidator who could sort, pack and sell any unwanted items. And we would provide referrals to others: roofers, a termite company, painters, cleaning people, etc.

We could recommend someone who specializes in getting houses ready for sale. Perhaps also a professional "stager" who might do as little as put up new curtains here and there to make the house more attractive or as much as provide extensive accessories and furnishings.

We would work in conjunction with these people to recommend what should be done to the house, and detailed bids would be obtained. Then the owner (or the owner's friend or relative) would decide what amount of money would be spent, and on what items, and we would follow the work as it was done.

It is also possible that we would look at the situation and decide that selling the property without doing any work would be best. Maybe no money is available or extensive repairs are necessary.

In these cases it may make more sense to look for someone wanting

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LEILA GOUGH

With the Dow at record highs, many investors are starting to wonder if the financial markets are too risky. But just what does risk mean?

If you have considered moving your money out of the markets because you think they are too risky, take a moment to understand the various types of investment risk.

Taking risk means accepting the prospect that your investment results could be less than anticipated.

While you cannot avoid potential risk in investing, you can make informed, sensible decisions to manage it and find investments with the degree of risk you can most easily tolerate.

Market Risk

Most people are concerned about this type of risk when deciding to invest. Market risk is the possibility that the price of a security will rise or fall over time.

For instance, when the entire stock market performs poorly and takes even the best stocks down with it, you are subject to market risk.

To help reduce market risk you should invest regularly and take a long-term approach toward investing to help your portfolio balance out the good times and tough times in the market.

Credit Risk

This type of risk is defined as the possibility that the entity issuing a security (e. g., a municipality or a corporation that issues a bond) may be incapable of meeting interest payments on a timely basis or may fail to return the original investment amount on the stated maturity date.

If you are concerned about credit risk, you may want to consult a bond rating agency such as Standard & Poor's or Moody's Investor Service to review a bond's credit rating.

While ratings do not guarantee the bond, these rating services can provide you with an idea of the issuer's financial stability.

Interest Rate Risk

This is a form of market risk tied to interest rate movements. If the interest rate atmosphere significantly changes after you have purchased a bond or an interest rate-sensitive stock, the resale value of the security will generally vary for this reason alone.

For example, many bond investors may see the value of their bonds fall as interest rates rise; thus the bonds become less attractive to new investors.

Reinvestment Risk

When CD or bond matures, there is the possibility that the rate you will be offered on a similar investment is lower than the rate you receive today.

Many CD investors faced reinvestment "shock" in the 1980s as interest rates began to fall from all time highs.

Inflation Risk

Inflation occurs when the general level of prices increases, causing your dollars to be worth less. When this happens, the original value of an investment, even if returned in full to the investor will not purchase as much as when the investment was purchased.

This invisible risk can be tough on some conservative interest-paying investments. You can help reduce this risk by purchasing investments that have the potential to provide increasing income that can keep pace with inflation, so you can maintain your standard of living.

Risk should not frighten you away from investing. An investment professional can help you assess your risk tolerance and suggest specific strategies to help offset or minimize most types of risk.

After all, in the world of investing, you cannot avoid some risk if you want to obtain financial rewards.

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30-year fixed dips below 8 percen

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced this week that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgage slipped slightly to 7.95 percent to from last week's average of 8.05 percent. A year ago the 30-year fixed rate was 8.24 percent.

The rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) also dipped to 5.75 percent from last week's average of 5.80 percent. A year ago, the 1-year ARM was 6.32 percent. This is the first time in eight weeks that the ARM has fallen.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages this week is 7.48 percent, also down from last week's figure of 7.56 percent. A year ago, the 15-year interest rate was 7.80 percent.

"Latest figures for the Producer Price Index and Consumer Price Index showed that inflation is still well under control, lowering concerns about the inflationary outlook and leading to lower interest rates," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac.

"It should also be noted that housing starts were down 3.9 percent in March due primarily to higher interest rates; however, with interest rates now under 8 percent housing remains very affordable and we should see a strong spring housing market," he said.

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage rates since 1971.

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Tarpoff

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to buy the house in its present condition.

Occasionally we've seen houses sold with everything still in them: rugs, couches, chairs and beds, Christmas tree ornaments and books, even basement crammed full of old jars and newspapers have been included in sales.

In one Berkeley house an owner and her husband had gathered many fine things. She died without heirs, so the estate attorney decided to sell everything all at once. It was quite a treasure hunt and there was tremendous interest from people who vied with one another to buy this unusual package deal.

I would hope that all of us are able to comfortably stay in our homes until we die. That is what most of us would prefer. But regardless, whether a house is empty, in good repair or ... intelligent help from an ... always possible to sell.

Our advice: if you can ... self from it, don't worry.

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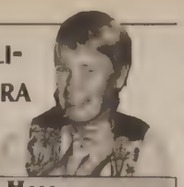
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JAN HALL

In this last of four articles on rose care I will address the recurring fungal disease of powdery mildew. Rose aphids, the fungal diseases black spot and rust and, proper cultural practices of roses were discussed in previous articles.

By utilizing proper cultural practices of roses the fungal diseases of rust and black spot can be controlled but not eliminated. Removing infected leaves as soon as noticed, proper winter pruning and watering at the base of the plants will keep the rust and black spot at bay. Unfortunately, powdery mildew cannot be controlled by cultural practices alone.

Powdery mildew is a fungal disease of a different hue. It is easily identified by its grayish-white powdery form on the tops of leaf surfaces. The mildew first appears on new leaves which are found at the tip of branches. Once the plant is infected, it is a never ending battle to keep the fungus in check. Eradication of the fungus only comes with severe pruning done in the winter.

Once infected, if the fungus is not treated, a plant may die. Infected buds do not open properly, young shoots are distorted and foliage is stunted. All in all, it is not a pretty sight.

The Bay Area is an ideal place to cultivate powdery mildew. Summer fogs are a boon to the fungus. Powdery mildew is wind borne and develops when days are warm with low relative humidity and nights are cool with high relative humidity.

Powdery mildew abhors water—in fact if you spray the leaves periodically it will help prevent or retard the fungus. The application of water onto leaf surfaces will enhance the changes of black spot appearing, since this fungus loves water.

It takes approximately five hours of continual moisture for black spot to form. What a dilemma. The best time to wet foliage to control the powdery mildew and not encourage the black spot is at a time during the day that the water will evaporate within an hour.

If you have been faithfully spraying your roses with a fungicide every two weeks, as I suggested in an earlier article, you have been keeping the powdery mildew in check. If you have not been spraying, then you should start immediately so as to keep all three fungal diseases under control.

Here is a recap of practices to keep aphids, black spot, rust and powdery mildew from devastating you roses:

- Winter pruning .Be sure to remove and dispose of all leaves on and off the plant.
- Spray dormant spray, after winter pruning ,on stripped canes, ground and mulch.
- Rose Care. feed with Rose Care every six weeks through the growing season. start in spring as soon as there is about an inch of new foliage
- Remove and dispose of any fungal infected foliage as soon as noticed
- Apply a fungicide every two weeks - starting as soon as new foliage appears
- Apply one to two inches of water weekly all at once—an increase in watering may be necessary when you consider soil type, drainage and long spells of hot dry weather
- Spray water on rose foliage once a week as soon as dry season starts spray before noon

There are a number of other pests, diseases and cultural practices that I did not discuss. If you are a rose lover and interested in raising near perfect specimens I suggest you purchase a book on roses and their care. There are a number of soft cover books available for under ten dollars at your local hardware store and nursery.

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PIEDMONT - JUST LISTED.....$439,000
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood floors, spacious rooms, partial San Francisco view. Potential for re-do. Evelyn Walker 339-1174

GRAND ENGLISH STYLE IN THE BERKELEY HILLS.....$435,000
REDUCED $60,000! One look and you'll fall in love. Bay and city views! Cathedral ceilings, formal dining and breakfast rooms, original woodwork throughout. 4BR/2BA plus family room and large attic. Lydia Melsen 486-1495

CUSTOM TOWNHOUSE.....$399,900
Sophisticated 2BR/2.5BA with great views of bay & bridges. 2 frpls, large master suite, extra large closets & back brick patio. Norm Robinow 339-1174

BERKELEY VIEW HOME WITH LEVEL YARD.....$399,500
JUST LISTED! Beautifully remodeled throughout, including gourmet kitchen. Sunlight in every room! Large decks, lovely level yard. 2 fireplaces, 3BR plus master suite or in-law. Quality and care throughout. Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

SOPHISTICATED LIVING.....$399,000
Distinctive Ridgemont home with open floor plan. Desirable cul-de-sac location. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master suite, family room off large eat-in kitchen, dramatic living room and level landscaped yard. Sherry Benninger 339-1174

SWEEPING SAN FRANCISCO VIEW.....$379,000
This contemp. 6-yr-old home was designed around the fabulous views. Master suite, fam rm, den, eat-in kit, 3+BR/2.5BA. Sherry Benninger 339-1174

OAKLAND HILLS.....$350,000
Room for everything! Over one acre, privacy and view. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, good au pair set-up. Joan Alford 339-1174

WONDERFUL CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL.....$339,000
Beautifully restored & in move-in cond. 3BR, remod. kit, formal dining, rumpus. Dian Hymer 339-1174

SPARKLING NORTH BERKELEY REMODEL.....$339,000
Large and spacious 4BR/2BA home remodeled throughout. Near Hopkins track, pool & tennis, and Northbrae shopping. Great kitchen, hdwd floors, fireplace & slate entry. A lot of beautiful house for the money. Kim Marienthal 486-1495

PIEDMONT STARTER.....$329,000
Charming 3BR/2BA bungalow with updated kitchen & bath in prime Piedmont neighborhood. Freshly painted. Fritz Hochfellner 339-1174

THE BEAR'S LAIR.....$315,000
JUST LISTED! A 3-bridge view & a very short walk to UC from this sophisticated contemp. on historic Panoramic hill overlooking the Campanile. glass walls in living, dining & all 3 bedrooms. 2.5BA, elegant kitchen & deck. Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

TOP OF THE BERKELEY HILLS.....$299,000
FAB REMODEL! From the ground up! Set like a wine country farmhouse, 2BR wrap around a south facing deck, new kitchen with maple cabinets & imported tile, hdwd floors, the list goes on. A must see! Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495

TAHOE IN TOWN.....$289,000
Walk to Montclair Village from this lovingly updated contemporary with beautiful decks & fireplace. 2+BR/2.5BA. Dell M. Orr 339-1174

SUNNY BAY VIEW KENSINGTON HOME.....$269,000
3BR/1.5BA with gleaming hardwood floors and sprawling bay views. Good floor plan, wonderful backyard, good Kensington neighborhood and 2-car garage. Gilda Waldman 486-1495

CHARMING BERKELEY BUNGALOW WITH INCOME.....$260,000
JUST LISTED! Spacious and full of sunlight with hardwood floors, formal dining with built-ins, 2BR, on a quiet Berkeley street. Cottage in rear with maximum privacy. Gaby Olander 486-1495

MONTCLAIR.....$239,000
Reduced! Exceptionally charming 3BR/2BA. Great setting, w/skylights, decks, large yard. 5 min. from Montclair Village. Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174

MAGICAL MONTCLAIR SETTING.....$229,000
REDUCED $30,000! Lovely contemp. set into a hillside at end of cul-de-sac, private & quiet with canyon views. 3BR, 2BA. Motivated sellers are ready to entertain offers. Mamood Moktari 486-1495

POPULAR HIGH RISE CONDO.....$175,000
Two master suites, wonderful view of East Bay hills. Convenient location near shops and Piedmont Ave. Ruby Ng 339-1174

ROMANTIC VIEWS OF THE LAKE.....$149,500
Exceptionally spacious unit in one of Oakland's prestigious buildings near the lake. Split-level with 2BR/2BA and balcony with views. Minutes from Jack London Square, museum and the Paramount. Mamood Moktari 486-1495

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REAL ESTATE HOTLINE



JERRY AND HEIDI LONG

Getting ready to sell

Q: What can we do to make our house as saleable as possible?

A: After you've lived in your house for a while, it's not unreasonable to expect that the house will require a tune up. You should make sure that this tune up takes place, to the maximum extent possible, before any potential buyer ever sets eyes on your house.

The buyers want to take possession of a spick and span house, to just move in and start living out their fantasies of owning this wonderful new house.

They don't want to buy a house in order to acquire th opportunity to clean it and fix it and repair all sorts of little odds and ends.

A good blast of concentrated and concerted effort on your part, along with the expenditure of a few hundred, or possibly even a few thousand, dollars, will provide the best insurance policy you can possibly obtain.

Your house will sell as fast as possible for the highest possible price.

Start by walking all around the house, outside and in, taking notes. Try to put yourself into the mind set of a possible buyer coming to look at your house.

First, look carefully at the front of your house. It might even be fun to get into your car and drive around the block.

Then pull up and pretend you're seeing the house for the first time. What can you do to make the place look more inviting than it does now?

Write down your ideas. Trim the bushes, cut off tree branches that hang down too far, mow the lawn, water the lawn and vegetation, clean out any weeds and grass growing in the cracks and then sweep the sidewalks.

Caulk any cracks in the house and touch up the paint, replace any cracked windows, bring in some planters or flower pots. Make sure the house sings from the street and sidewalk in front.

Then walk around the house and do the same inspection to the sides and back of the house and the back yard. More notes. Mend any fences that need it, pick up any fruit that may have fallen from the trees, rake up the leaves, clean out the grass growing between the bricks in the patio, water the lawn and the trees and bushes and flowers. Then be sure to coil up the hoses and put away the tools.

Then go back out front and go into the house imagining this is the first time you've ever entered this house. Look for every little thing that creates a negative impact and make a note to fix it or remove it.

Put joint compound into the settlement cracks and touch up the paint, take everything you can possibly live without and move it to a storage container down by the bay.

Oil the hinges in the squeaky doors and nail down the squeaky steps or floors. Change the washers in the dripping faucets.

Repaint or touch up the kitchen cabinets and counters if they look worn and beat up. Recaulk the tub and sinks. Put a new filter in the furnace. Replace the window coverings if they need it.

Then go underneath the house. Imagine that you are a pest control inspector looking for damage to the structural members of the house due to bugs or water damage.

Look all around the perimeter under the house at the mud sill sitting on top of the foundation. Is there any place where the dirt has piled up to touch the wooden mud sill?

If there is, then make a note to clear the dirt away so that there are at least six inches of concrete between the level of the dirt and the wood.

Think of putting on a mask and going around the foundation cleaning off all the cobwebs and dirt and wood scraps and old nails and junk which have accumulated on and around the foundation for years.

When the pest control inspector goes under the house and sees that gleaming foundation and mud sill, he'll go back out thinking this is a really well-kept house.

So will the buyers and their inspectors when they crawl around under there.

Also, be sure to clean out any scraps of wood and cables and bricks and old concrete blocks and other things just lying around under the house.

Then go back outside and walk around one more time thinking about how the outside of the foundation measures up to the soon to be gleaming inside. The level of the dirt around the house is referred to as the grade. The grade level increases over time as dirt and leaves and soil build up around the house.

Pest control inspectors have to call a faulty grade situation if the dirt or soil is as high as the top of the foundation. Such a condition allows moisture to flow into the wooden mud sill.

Pest control inspectors frequently call for treating such situations by building up the foundation. This is called "capping", and it is not cheap.

So some judicious clearing away of dirt and vegetation and soil from around the foundation to the point where several inches of concrete are clearly visible all around, can sometimes save a considerable amount of money and, again, make for a good impression of the house.

(Keeping dirt and vegetation and soil away from the top of the foundation, both inside and out, is one of the most important maintenance items a homeowner can pay attention to whether or not they are thinking of selling.)

After you take all these notes and make all these lists of things you can do to make your house look better, then you should do all of these things, or have them done, probably in the reverse of the order we discussed them.

Sometimes when people are about to sell a house, they begin to entertain the idea of undertaking big, expensive, projects.

In some cases they think that to make the house really saleable, they ought to add the extra rooms or decks they've always wanted or remodel certain rooms to be the way they always wished they were.

In other cases they [illegible] can increase the value of [illegible] by additions or [illegible] projects.

We usually counsel [illegible] big outlays of money. [illegible] add as much value as they

The most difficult [illegible] this sort tend to pertain [illegible] tions which are not very [illegible] roofs which are nearing [illegible] their useful lives.

It's really hard to decide [illegible] the foundation or roof [illegible] add its cost to the value [illegible] house, or whether such [illegible] make the house sell [illegible] quickly than it might otherwise

Clearly everyone must [illegible] their own mind about such [illegible] enterprises. The advice [illegible] estate agent should be [illegible]

The last phase of [illegible] house saleable involves the [illegible] presentation of the house [illegible] spective buyers.

This has come to be [illegible] "staging" the house. There [illegible] people available who [illegible] living by either organizing [illegible] sessions you already [illegible] gesting things which can [illegible] and blended in with your [illegible] so as to make the house as [illegible] as it can possibly be.

In many cases these [illegible] clearly earn their pay. They [illegible] sells more quickly and/or [illegible] money than it might otherwise [illegible] done. The "staging" of your

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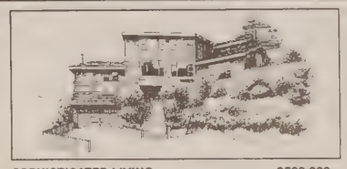
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ELEGANT EXECUTIVE ESTATE $1,600,000
Warmth & understatement keynote the beauty of this 1/2 acre gated Mediterranean villa. The 5,000 sq ft bay-view 1929 mansion's kitchen is "Architectural Digest".
D. C. HODGES 531-7667



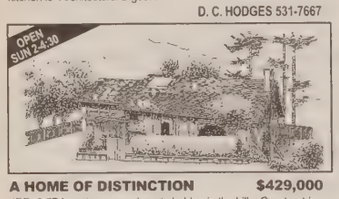
INTERIOR DRAMA TO BEHOLD! $747,500
New-to-market young "sculpture" by Martin Davis. 4,000 sq ft, 4++BR, 3BA on 4/5 acre private utopia. Bay view, open space, brawny elegance. Open Sunday
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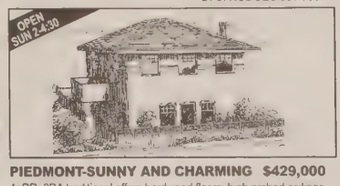
SOPHISTICATED LIVING $539,000
Prestigious 5 year new contemporary Golden Gate/Bay Bridge views. Dream kitchen w/breakfast island, high ceilings, 2 marble fireplaces. Master retreat w/private bath/deck
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



CHARM, DIGNITY AND CHARACTER $[illegible]
Open Sunday, 2-4:30PM Just reduced! 3BR, [illegible]
2 fireplaces. Huge multipurpose room on same level
HAL & EDITH MARCUS 339-[illegible]



A HOME OF DISTINCTION $429,000
4BR, 3.5BA contemporary beauty hidden in the hills. Great eat-in kitchen, beamed/vaulted ceilings in living room, private decks/patio, seclusion. Separate livings quarters w/kitchenette
2699 Haverhill Dr. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



PIEDMONT-SUNNY AND CHARMING $429,000
4+BR, 3BA traditional offers hardwood floors, high arched ceilings, sun-filled rooms & windows galore. Spacious formal dining room, living room w/fireplace/built-in bookcases, sunny deck. 3-story
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CLEAN, SHARP, MONTCLAIR CONTEMP $298,900
3BR, 2.5BA spectacular living room, w/fireplace, family room off kitchen, master suite w/bath, walk to Montclair Swim Club. 2 car garage attached w/interior access
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD



MOVE-IN CONDITION, NEW LISTING $279,[illegible]
Updated kitchen and baths. On a quiet cul-de-sac [illegible]
sunny home has 3BR, 2BA, hardwood floors, fir[illegible]
much more. Won't last
PHIL WEINGROW 339-[illegible]

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

FAMILY/GROUP "COMPOUND"....$945,000
Unique 9-unit, 2-building garden complex featuring 2 huge level-in master units. Gorgeous condition, views, superb tenants & rents. Ridgemont hills. D.C. HODGES 531-7667

HISTORIC CASA MARIA LOUISA $895,000
Lovingly restored classic Mediterranean 4BD, 3.5BA, family room, hand stenciled beams by European craftsman, verandas, gazebos, fountains, plus spa. SUE WILIAMS 482-5077

ATTN: INVESTORS SPECIAL $865,000
Prime Adams Point locatioo. 19 units w/additional unit that can be made legal. New roof, new copper plumbing to mains. Loads of improvements and upgrades. KEN FERRELL 814-9036

NEW LISTING-ROCKRIDGE $652,000
Custom designed trad. View of S.F. bridges & hills from every room. 4BR, 2.5BA, 3-yr young, hardwood floors, family room, level yard Call today. MARTHA SHIN 531-8143

NEW LISTING-MAGNIFICENT $599,000
1/3 of an acre w/total seclusion privacy. Almost new home built on a grand scale. Unbelievable master suite/retreat. Vaulted ceilings, 3 fireplaces. Marble baths. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

ELEGANCE SERVED IN STYLE $545,000
Giant 5+BR, 3+BA Georgian colonial. Massive LR w/frplc, French windows, floor to ceiling bookcase. Hrdwd flrs, wide archways, flooded w/sunshine family rm. 3,700 sq ft. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY WITH VIEW $499,000
On a clear day you can see forever! 3 bridge view, sparkling bay, dazzling city lights, fabulous new home priced $100,000 below cost. M.J McCONVILLE 287-9583

SLASHED $30,000 TO SELL NOW! $439,500
Only 30 days on market & cut $10 per foot! Snazzy 6-yr contemporary custom 4+BR, 3.5BA. Taste w/quality & view! Wants offer now! Open Sunday. D.C. HODGES 531-7667

GRACIOUS TRADITIONAL $419,000
New on market! Open Sunday 2-4:30. Sun-filled Upper Rockridge home near Claremont Pines. 3BR, 2+BA. Rumpus room w/separate entrance. E-Z walk to College Ave.
VICKIE CHAN CASE 522-3957

ORINDA RETREAT $399,000
A private drive off a cul-de-sac leads to your own spectacular vistas! 3BR, 2BA w/wonderful pool & patio area for outdoor living. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

DRAMATIC MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY $375,000
Located on sunny side of Montclair, 4BR, 3BA, 3 frplc, mstr ste w/sitting area, FDR, fam rm, decks, balconies, hot tub, only 4-yrs old, excellent condition! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

HOME OF LASTING VALUE $359,000
You will fall in love w/this 3 bedroom new kitchen, hardwood floor, level sunny yard w/French doors from kitchen & dining room. Quiet quality location. MARK ATTARHA 339-4000

NEED EXTRA ROOM?....$319,000
Super level-in Rockridge home w/sunny garden & separate studio. Walking distance to BART, shops & gourmet foods. Move-in condition. M.J MCCONVILLE 287-9583

MONTCLAIR FAMILY HOME $309,000
So much to say! This 4BR, 2.5BA has a wonderful, peaceful setting. Huge lot w/level patio areas. Excellent elementary school. LYN MURRAY 339-6666

VALUE THAT MAKES SENSE $309,000
4BR, 2BA traditional w/wonderful backyard & huge deck Remod eat-in kit flooded w/sunshine, Hdwd flrs, FDR, oak-trimmed LR. Great flr plan for kids. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER! $299,500
Pano views & lots of character! Elegant flow, split-level design, great living room w/vaulted ceiling, brick frplc & level out to lanai w/city view & BBQ. 3BR, 2BA. RACHEL BALLER 530-3860

REDUCED $20,000! $299,500
Sunny & bright prairie-style home w/pretty city views. Walk to Grand Lake Theatre & shops. Spacious rooms, level garden. 3 bedrooms, den, office. M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

SPECTACULAR SAN FRAN VIEWS $299,000
New exclusive! Unique townhouse in private 21 home development. Tennis courts, pool enhance this carefree lifestyle. 3BR, 2.5BA. Over 2000 sq ft. CAROL OR MARTHA 339-8400

GRAND AVENUE DUPLEX $299,000
Plus garden studio apartment, lots of traditional features in this spacious set of flats. Walk to shops/restaurants/bus. Anxious owner. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

REDUCED! BRING ALL OFFERS. $294,500
Tahoe setting in the pines. 3BR, 2BA, hardwood floors, huge multi purpose room w/2nd fireplace. All on one level. Estate will give P/C clearance. KEN FERRELL 814-9036

HURRY BEFORE LENDER FORECLOSES $289,000
Across from the school-walk to the Village and transportation. 4+BR, 3BA, Tudor style-any offer subject to approval of lender. SUE WILLIAMS 482-5077

BIG, BOLD, BEAUTIFUL & REDUCED $275,000
Great space- 3BR up, 3BR down for extended families. on desirable San Leandro north area. Clean & sunny, top rated public schools. Great shopping too. EARLE SHENK 287-9590

NO MAINTENANCE COUNTRY LIVING $269,000
Contemporary creekside living. Vaulted ceiling, open floor plan, 2 full baths, huge family room or home office w/outside entrance. Fast access to all needs. STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6160X239

READY FOR YOUR ROMANTIC HOME? $269,000
Have you always wanted a home w/views that won't quit? A master suite, modern kitchen, light, bright & spacious?? Look no more. Don't break your heart. KEVIN BLATTEL 339-8400

DARLING DEAL $259,000
3BR, 1.5BA traditional w/a beautiful terraced backyard, plank hardwood flrs, FDR & remod kitchen. Bright LR w/fireplace. Oakmore neighborhood. Close to all. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

READY TO MOVE IN, ALL THE WORK IS DONE!....$259,000
Stylish contemporary, with wooded view, all new expansive decks upgraded kitchen & baths 3BR, 2BA, hardwood floors. CALL TODAY! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

MONTCLAIR....$249,000
View home, level lot, spa, decks, workshop, fireplace, fruit trees and more. VICTOR FIERRO 339-8400

REDWOOD HEIGHTS....$249,000
Wonderful vistas enhance this 3 bedroom home w/open, airy vaulted ceilings. Large lot leads to a creek. Lovingly cared for by original owner. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

SPREAD OUT....$245,000
In this spacious Victorian. Redone down to the doorknobs! 2 frplc. large living room & dining room, breakfast room, basement, full attic, 2-car garage & driveway. ELAINE JONES 547-5715

SPECTACULAR BAY VIEWS....$239,000
Big reduction! Enjoy gorgeous sunsets from your lovely yard in this charming traditional 3 bedroom home in lovely convenient location. Best buy!!! CAROL COHEN 339-8400

GRASS VALLEY....$235,000
Just listed! Hidden away in the hills, this peaceful neighborhood has great value. Priced to sell. ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

BEST VALUE IN CROCKER HIGHLANDS $230,000
3BR, 2BA w/newer kitchen that leads to sun porch, gorgeous back yard w/terraced decks, earthquake retrofitted. This won't last at this reduced price. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

BELIEVE THIS $229,000
Seller will pay 1st year homeowners dues for buyer! Townhome in Redwood hills w/sweeping bay view. Just needs cosmetics Call today to see. ELAINE JONES 547-5715

SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY NOW....$219,000
Fix up & save. Needs a handymans touch. Add to the beamed ceilings, hdwd flrs, built-ins, remod kitchen, FDR & basement 4BR, 2BA 2 story. Reduced $30K. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

LARGE SUNNY YARD-GLENVIEW $203,000
Adorable bungalow in perfect condition. Shiny & bright throughout. First time buyers, this is for you. Easy S.F commute. A doll house. CAROLYNN HARTLEY 272-9030

BERKELEY ELMWOOD DISTRICT....$199,000
Location, location within walking distance to College Ave shops & restaurants, this immaculate Craftsman reflects the best of the old and the new. MARK ATTHARA 339-4000

YESTERYEAR CHARM-CITY FARM! $198,500
New listing! 20's vintage, country flair & magnificent private deep lot - garden a little or garden not! Great plus room & deck on garden! 2+BR, 1+BA. Garage. RACHEL BALLER 530-3860

1ST TIME ON MARKET IN 55 YEARS! $194,950
Sunfilled 3BR Tudor in great San Leandro north area. Split level design includes separate bedroom w/1/2 BA + utility & breakfast rms. Open Sunday, 890 Dowling EARLE SHENK 287-9590

CRAFTSMAN CHARMER....$174,9[illegible]
Stunning bungalow. Lovely built-ins, hdw[illegible]
baths highlight this home. Enjoy the v[illegible]
in the large landscaped yard. MICHAE[illegible]

ROOMS WITH A VIEW ....$169,[illegible]
Maxwell Park 3++ BR w/vistas from eac[illegible]
kitchen, separate in-law w/bed, bath, kit, and own en[illegible]
Halcyon backyard w/bay view. SHERDELLA SIMS 2[illegible]

BERKELEY BUNGALOW ....$169,[illegible]
Just listed. 2BR, 2BA, fireplace, hardw[illegible], large fenced backyard, remodeled kitchen, near tra[illegible]portation, restaurants, shops, and more! [illegible]TOR FIERRO 339-840[illegible]

REMODELED AND READY! ....$165,[illegible]
Super neat 3BR, 2BA home in quiet Millsmont area. Large level corner lot w/2-car garage. Plain Jane exterior- Swe[illegible] Charlotte interior! LYN MURRAY [illegible]

A HOME WITH A VIEW....$149,[illegible]
Is yours in this 3BR, 2BA bungalow with a firepla[illegible] room, eat-in kitchen. Downstairs could be a inlaw un[illegible] from town. MORRIE FEIGENBERG [illegible]

NEW LISTING, PIEDMONT PINES CONDO.....$132,[illegible]
Woodminster distrct above Hwy 13. Large 2 bedroom second floor, private deck w/pastoral hill view, parking garage (Laundry security, near shopping, transportation [illegible]HAC CA[illegible]

FOREVER VIEWS OF THE CITY & BAY ....$109,[illegible]
From this updated 2BR, 2BA condo. Fireplace in living room plus deck. Nothing to do but move in. Best price in t[illegible] MORRIE FEIGENBERG [illegible]

WANNA SWAP? ....$99,[illegible]
Owner will trade bay view lot and full plans ready for permit. Wants rental property or quick sale. Exc Oakland Hills locatio[illegible] above hwy 13, Montclair schools. PATRICIA BENNETT 482-[illegible]

CHARM AND COMFORT GALORE! ....$99,[illegible]
Just listed! 2BR, 2BA condo in desirable building/area by [illegible] Easy access to commute/transportation. New appliances. Unique value. Sauna. CARIN CAROE 482-[illegible]

MAXWELL PARK CHARMER....$99,[illegible]
Located in the best area of Maxwell Park, this 2[illegible] bungalow is perfect for a first time buyer. Bank owned[illegible] down financing for an owner occupant. MICHAE[illegible]

ENJOY ALAMEDA FOR A SONG ....$84,[illegible]
Bank owned condos. A 1BR & a 2BR, 2BA. They[illegible] well. Seller financing very appealing for an owner [illegible] MICHAEL HARDING 2[illegible]

STUDENT HOUSING....$57,50[illegible]
Safe, secure building and neighborhood. Bright unit overlooks [illegible] New paint, carpet, tile and bath plus sauna! Fees include[illegible] Walk to shops, movies, park, lake. PATRICIA BENNETT 48[illegible]

Hotline

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e another area where consultation with your real estate agent should be very helpful.

More often than not, the renting of a storage area for as many of your possessions as you can bear to live temporarily without, and the judicious rearranging of the rest of your things, will do quite nicely.

Having finally transformed your house into the most pristine condition you can, be sure to keep it in that condition during the time it's being shown to prospective buyers.

Heidi and Jerry Long are licensed real estate agents with Coldwell Banker in Berkeley. If they can assist you in any way, call them at 525-5800.

Taxing the home sale



THE TAX PRO

DENNIS KAMENSKY

A few days ago I did a tax return for a woman who had sold her principal residence in 1993. The property was sold for $325,000 and she had spent about $25,000 in selling expenses (real estate commissions, escrow costs, etc.). At closing she received only about $20,000 in actual cash, and had decided to rent and not buy another house.

She had purchased this property with her husband in 1983 for $175,000. But, she had sold another house at that time in order to buy this one. She had been able to defer a capital gain of $75,000 by buying this house in 1983.

Then in 1991 she and her husband divorced. She decided to buy out his one-half interest in this house. In order to do this she refinanced the property (getting a $260,000 loan). She paid him off and used the rest of the money to pay her own bills. It was her belief that she would only have to pay income taxes on the $20,000 that was received at the closing. Boy, was she wrong!

First off, the actual amount of money that you receive when the property closes generally has nothing to do with your capital gain. In her case the capital gain on the property would be as follows:

What she originally paid for the property, plus the closing costs ($175,000);

The costs of all the major improvements to the property (such as room additions, roof, major remodeling, etc.) — in her case zero;

From that amount, subtract any capital gain amounts that were deferred from selling a previous principal residence. In her case, subtract $75,000.

Therefore, her cost basis in this property would be $100,000.

Now take what she sold the property for ($325,000), minus the selling expenses ($25,000), and you would be left with a capital gain of $200,000.

The amount she had received from refinancing the property in 1991 did not affect the cost basis of the property, and in fact now she was going to have to pay income taxes on it. Even the money she had used to buy out her ex-husband was not tax-deductible. The government ruled that in divorces after 1985 the money given by one spouse to the other is not taxable income to the receiver, nor tax-deductible by the payer.

The only way she could have avoided paying capital gains taxes on the $200,000 profit was to buy another principal residence for at least $300,000 (the selling price minus selling expenses) within the two-year time period after she had sold the property. Also, if she was at least 55 years old at the time of sale she could have at least not have to paid taxes on the first $125,000 of capital gains (unfortunately, she's under 55).

Even though you get a slight tax break on your federal tax return (right now the highest federal tax rate on long-term capital gains is 28 percent), she is still going to have to pay about $56,000 to the IRS. Plus, she also has to pay state income taxes, another 10 percent (California does not give any tax break for capital gains).

The point here is to consult with a tax expert before you sell your house. Make sure you understand the tax consequences of this move. It may save you, or cost you, many thousands of hard-earned dollars.

Dennis Kamensky is a tax accountant in Oakland. He owns The Tax Pros and is an expert in real estate and tax matters. You can reach him at 530-6001, or 339-9680 (evenings).

Day at the races

The Women's Council of Realtors presents its annual Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields May 15, with a buffet lunch.

Tickest are $25 and can be ordered from Lee Jacobson, Pacific Union, 339-6460.

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410 HAMPTON ROAD $1,135,000
Light and spacious contemporary with gorgeous level grounds. 5/5, lanai, patio, pool, koi pond & spa. SUSANNE PAUL

420 HAMPTON ROAD $922,500
Beautiful Colonial with fabulous detailing and spacious level living. 4/3.5, family room & rumpus. MARILYN WATSON

407 PALA AVENUE $725,000
Golden Gate & bay views, family room & sun room. 4/2.5 & level garden. Sunny and spacious. KATHERINE COOPER

180 MAXWELTON ROAD $595,000
Spacious & private w/flexible floor plan. Stunning view & level garden. Country kitch, office & family room. SANDRA VOGL

18 MANOR DRIVE NEW EXCLUSIVE $497,000
Charming Mediterranean home with gleaming hardwood floors. Updated kitchen, four bedrooms and two and one-half baths. Level out to patios and garden. JEAN SIMMONS

96 OAKMONT AVENUE NEW EXCLUSIVE $419,000

Charming traditional w/formal living/dining & updated kit. w/breakfast nook. 3+/2 w/office Enormous rumpus w/ potential to be more. JUDY CAIN

631 MORAGA AVENUE $329,000
Light-filled traditional w/formal dining & updated eat-in kit. 4/3 incuding a lower level master ste. or in-law. LINDA MCCLAIN

2 CAVENDISH LANE $275,000
Great value! Large woodsy setting w/vistas of the hills 3/2.5 w/family rm. Easy commute to SF. Needs TLC HELEN BUTY

OAKLAND

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6111 & 6101 MAZUELA DR $939,000/929,000
Montclair Estates. Oakland's newest estate community. Two spectacular new homes with gorgeous panoramic Bay views Exquisite quality throughout. Large garden area. 4500 plus square feet. Sunny & spacious. Large family rooms & media rooms. 5 + bedrooms. Stone's throw from Village. ED KUO

119 BEECHWOOD DRIVE NEW EXCLUSIVE $849,000
Elegant colonial newly constructed by Barbara Armstrong with exquisite detailing throughout. Designer kitchen & family room Landscaped gardens ELIZABETH DICKSON

13757 SKYLINE BLVD. NEW EXCLUSIVE $721,000
All-level living. Formal dining & family room. 4 bdrms/4.5 baths includ master suite & guest house. 1.4 usable acres w/ professionally landscaped grounds & pool. KURT BUCHHOLZ

5911 BUENA VISTA NEW EXCLUSIVE $719,000
New architect designed. 4+++ bds/3+ baths. Level grounds & bay view. Brand new design by Bohannon & Eberts Architects Exceptional quality, many extras. DEBRA DRYDEN

2727 LAS AROMAS NEW EXCLUSIVE $529,000
A Classic Traditional in Piedmont Pines, level garden w/Bay views. 4+/3+, office & family room. SHEILA GALLAGHER

6307 BROOKSIDE AVENUE $499,000
Stunning Mediterranean with gorgeous detailing, updated kitchen and landscaped garden. 4/3. ANIAN TUNNEY

5210 CLAREWOOD DRIVE $395,000
Charming Contemporary with high ceilings and lots of light. 3+ bedrooms, 2+ baths & family room. ELIZABETH DICKSON

5809 BROADWAY TERRACE NEW EXCLUSIVE $389,000
Architecturally designed with serene and private setting. Lots of natural light. Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths Studio above garage. Beautiful garden. JUDY RANKANKAN

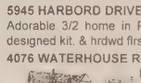
1077 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD $359,000

Gracious Mediterranean with three bedrooms, two and one-baths, updated kitchen and master bath Beautiful deck and garden. STACY EWING

2424 STOCKBRIDGE DR NEW EXCLUSIVE $339,000
Absolutely Charming Piedmont Pines home with hardwood floors and beautiful level garden. Three bedrooms, one and one-half baths and two-car garage. KAREN STARR

4 BOWLES PLACE NEW EXCLUSIVE $349,500
Attractive English located in Upper Crocker Highlands on a quiet cul-de-sac. Three bedrooms, au pair or home office potential. Large, private natural garden. SUSAN VEIT

5945 HARBORD DRIVE $329,000
Adorable 3/2 home in Piedmont side of Montclair Well-designed kit. & hrdwd flrs. Move-in cond ANGELA GRUBB

4076 WATERHOUSE ROAD $299,500

English Tudor. 3 bdrms/1.5 baths + lrg rumpus or home office. Gracious living/formal dining. Separate breakfast room CONNIE ROGERS

51 CHELTON LANE NEW PRICE $284,500
Charming Montclair Traditional w/level garden entry & expansive decking w/sunny vistas 3/2. D. GRUBB JR

5850 BROADWAY $289,000
4 bdrm/2 baths w/legal sep. unit below. Large rooms and hardwood floors. Gumwood and built-ins. JUDY RANKANKAN

300 CAPRICORN $275,000
Light, bright Montclair home with 3+/2 and sep. studio/office Huge deck and forest views. Very private JOHN KARNAY

1121 GLENDORA AVENUE $269,000
Charming duplex. 2/1 + 1/1. Modern kitchen w/access to lrg deck. Close to shops, rests. & trans. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY

2483 CORDOVA STREET $260,000
First open in 10 years. Rare 2-story 1930's Mediterranean w/ all original details. 3/2.5 & more. KATHLEEN CALLAHAN

50 RAMONA AVENUE $229,000
Great location. New kit & bath, 2 bdrms & sunporch. Private rear grnds. Very comfortable & charming DEBRA DRYDEN

6222 DOVER STREET REDUCED $167,000
Updated Craftsman w/hrdwd flrs, built-ins, stone frplce, deck & garden. Sep. garage Walk to BART 2/1. KAREN STARR

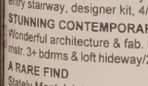
PIEDMONT

By Appointment

A STUNNING ESTATE $2,495,000
SF views. Terraces w/pool & spa. Five bedrooms/five and one-half baths. Seperate guest quarters. ANIAN TUNNEY

PIEDMONT-SPECTACULAR $2,350,000
Exquisite condition. Family room with fireplace, fabulous kitchen, library and gorgeous gardens. JEANETTE ROACH

PIEDMONT ESTATE $2,300,000
Exquisite residence with elegant dining room, gourmet kit. & large formal living rm. Gorgeous entertaining. ANIAN TUNNEY

GORGEOUS PROPERTY NEW PRICE $959,500

Beautiful residence with exquisite detailing and level landscaped grounds. Formal living, elegant dining and library retreat. DONALD GRUBB JR

A WONDERFUL STREET $739,000
Beautiful Central Piedmont Mediterranean. 4/2.5 Breakfast room opens to garden Quality detailing. ANIAN TUNNEY

GRACIOUS ENGLISH TRADITIONAL $699,000
Elegant 3-story with 5+ sunny spacious bedrooms. Formal living/dining & comfortable family room DONALD GRUBB JR

GORGEOUS KITCHEN $669,000
Formal dining/gracious living room Bay view. Elegant kitchen w/attached breakfast room level out to garden MINDY SCOTT

DRACENA NEW EXCLUSIVE $539,000
Ranch-style w/3+bds/2+baths, a lrg rumpus & wondeful garden Great location, over-looks Dracena Park J O'SHAUGHNESSY

SUNNY & PRIVATE $365,000
Darling 3 bedroom/2 bath traditional. Split level w/hardwood floors, beautiful built-ins & great storage MARILYN WATSON

OAKLAND

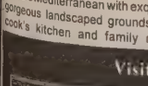
By Appointment

CLAREMONT HILLS $759,000
A stunning recently built hm by Barabara Armstrong. Exquisite entry stairway, designer kit, 4/3+ & office. ANGELA GRUBB

STUNNING CONTEMPORARY $559,000
Wonderful architecture & fab. kitchen & family rm. Luxurious mstr. 3+ bdrms & loft hideway/2.5 baths. JEANETTE ROACH

A RARE FIND $459,000
Stately Montclair traditional on level knoll. Panoramic views 4 sdrms/3.5 baths. Sunny and private. JUDY RANKANKAN

PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR $459,000
Pristine Contemporary high on a knoll Gourmet kit. level out to garden, living rm w/frplc & deck. 5/3. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

CONTEMPORARY NEW EXCLUSIVE $375,000

Light-filled Montclair home with greenhouse dining, expansive living room with fireplace and spacious decks. Three bedrooms and two baths KURT BUCHHOLZ

EXQUISITE PENTHOUSE $349,000
Possible lease or lease option Breathtaking views of SF Spacious deck. Elegant 2 bdrms/2 baths ANIAN TUNNEY

SERENE RETREAT $329,500
2-story w/gourmet kit., decks & 2 frplcs. 4 bdrms/3 updated baths. Lower level w/kit, bath & sep. entrance J RANKANKAN

MONTCLAIR $310,000
Close to shops, trans. & hiking trails. Living room w/fireplace, separate dining & eat-in kitchen w/deck 3/2.5 A GRUBB

VICTORIAN NEW EXCLUSIVE $249,000
3 units in excellent cond. Convenient location 2 one-bedrooms. & 1 studio Live in one, rent out the others SUSAN VEIT

TREE TOP LIVING $249,000
Spacious Montclair home in quiet peaceful area. Sunny kit & cozy family rm. 3 comfortable bdrms. SANDRA VOGL

VIEW OF THE LAKE $189,000
Elegant condominium in landmark Bldg. Spacious, formal & exquisite Panoramic views & valet parking. SUSANNE PAUL

BERKELEY

By Appointment

MEDITERRANEAN NEW EXCLUSIVE $1,295,000
Classic Mediterranean with exquisite detailing throughout and gorgeous landscaped grounds. Five bedrooms, four baths, cook's kitchen and family room. JEANETTE ROACH

BROWN SHINGLE $365,000
Charming brown shingle with private garden. 3/3 including 2 suites. Living room with beamed ceilings and fireplace Hardwood floors. Tranquil ANGELA WEI GRUBB

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PIEDMONT - JUST LISTED! $529,000
Location, charm & views. Move right into this 3BR, 2.5BA delight. SF views, private deck & more. Call for your appointment.
PATTI EDMONDS 428-0900, 655-2029

COMPLETE PRIVACY & BAY VIEWS! $499,000
Up a private drive sits this wood & glass contemporary bathed in light with a waterfall/atrium entry. Unique indoor/outdoor appeal. 4+BR, 3.5BA.
V. LANDES 339-9290, 869-4225

OUTSTANDING HILLER UNIT $469,000
With straight on San Francisco view. 3BR, 3BA, new construction. See this one!
G. MILLIRONS 339-9290, 869-4233

NEW PIEDMONT LISTING $385,000
Distinctive contemporary in sylvan setting with 3+BR, 2.5BA, den, formal dining, library alcove, & upgraded kitchen. Great location near schools, park & bus.
MADDY HICKLING 428-0900

MEDITERRANEAN TREE HOUSE $375,000
In a great Crocker Highlands location. 3+BR, 2BA. Outstanding details. G. MILLIRONS 339-9290, 869-4233

JUST TAKE THE PLUNGE! $339,000
Beautiful 3BR home from the 1920's on desired Crocker Highlands street! FDR, sunny library opens to new deck overlooking private pool!
NANCY LEHRKIND 428-0900

GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY $315,000
9 well maintained units - cash flow close to shopping & transportation. Possible seller financing easy to manage. 834-2010, 523-1301

CLASSIC FOUR-PLEX $299,000
Stunning Lake Merritt views from all units. Beautiful new paint, lovely details. Great location, great investment! P. MAKINEN-MITCHELL 339-8888, 869-4234

GLENVIEW DUPLEX $289,000
Victorian - 4BR, 2BA plus 2+BR, 1BA. Laundry, garages and yards. G. BOOMER 339-9290, 869-4202

CLASSIC CHARMER IN... $270,000
Crocker Highlands. 3BR plus family room, separate 2-car garage. Great buy!
POPPY TANNER 849-3711, 273-9225

GLENVIEW PRICE REDUCED! $259,900
3BR, 2BA home in move-in condition, wonderful kitchen with granite counters & family room, rumpus, office, large 2-car garage, covered patio & garden.
CAROLINE PETERS 428-0900, 547-1722

MINT CONDITION - JUST MOVE IN $253,000
3BR, 2BA Montclair home. 5 year old roof, 4 year furnace, 1 year home warranty. New appliances, Village atmosphere yet easy access to freeway & public transportation. KIYOKO SERA 526-2945

CHARMING SUN-FILLED CRAFTSMAN $239,000
In lower Rockridge that has been totally renovated. Tree-lined street. 3BR, 2BA. Large artist space or master bedroom suite. MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 525-7805

GLENVIEW TRADITIONAL $239,000
Spacious 4BR, 2BA with charming details: hdwd floors, stone fireplace, wooded built-ins - must see! Full basement, big garage too! L. CLARKE 339-9290, 869-4210

UPPER HIGH HOME $225,000
This lovely corner lot - 3BR, 2BA is a classic! Inviting living room, spacious family room, second-story bedrooms. Must see! A. NG 339-8888, 531-4096

COUNTRY CLUB CONDO $170,000
Just reduced! Superior location, 2BR, 2BA unit in move-in condition. G. BOOMER 339-9290, 869-4202

NORTH OAKLAND CHURCH $150,000
How about a small church and duplex. Units are section 8 with upside potential. Needs that special investor.
TERRENCE JUE 524-2526

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AFFORDABLE/ADORABLE CONDO $57,000
1BR, 1BA, fresh paint, new carpet, well maintained building. Dues only $103. Close to Lake Merritt & freeway access. CHITRA 834-2010, 286-7612

BERKELEY

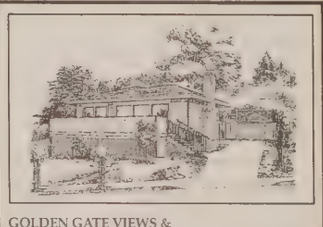
COUNTRY LIVING $348,000
Green hills, quiet, plus 4BR, 2BA home. Plus large family room or 2BR in-law. Call to see. WAGNER 524-2526

CHARMING! $305,000
Lovely French doors separate living and dining rooms. 3BR plus study with separate entrance.
WAGNER 524-2526

MILLION DOLLAR VIEWS $255,000
2BR, 2BA all one level TIC in best Berkeley location. Hardwood floors, fireplace, spacious and sunny! Views!
LIZ STEVENS 845-0200

WEST COUNTY

IMMACULATE HOME IN MARINA $249,000
Bay/Breakers. This home is 4+ years young, has 3BR, 2.5BA, with cozy fireplace in large living room. Landscaped, community pool/spa, sec. gated. Park & bay front hiking & biking. MIKE GOODMAN 526-5143



GOLDEN GATE VIEWS & PERFECT SUNSETS $239,000
Make this El Cerrito hills house a dream home! Features 2BR with an open floor plan. Everything is updated: kitchen, bath, electrical service & plumbing. Great use of deck with views & a rear deck with private hot tub. DARRIN 834-2010

BREATHTAKING BAY VIEWS! $185,000
3BR + rec room! Beautifully remodeled kitchen! Fireplace & hardwood floors! Desirable Richmond View neighborhood! LORRI ARAZI 849-3711, 287-8858

SWEET UPDATED HOME $143,000
This lovely 2BR home has a beautifully remodeled kitchen, updated bath and newly refinished hardwood floors. Conveniently located in popular Richmond View.
LYNNE HAGEMAN 527-9800, 869-4471

EMERYVILLE

NEW CONSTRUCTION $166,000-$172,500
4 loft condos - only 2 remaining. Beautiful sun-filled units. Gorgeous courtyard with fountain. Security building. MICHAEL FEINER 524-2526

LOTS

KNOCK-OUT BAY VIEWS $189,000
Large, gently sloping Upper Rockridge lot.
DAVID ICHIKAWA 428-0900, 547-8978

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Home sales

ALAMEDA
20 Anderson Rd. - $345,000
246 Bannister Ct. - $212,000
3288 Briggs Ave. - $145,000
911 Del Mar Ave. - $259,000
2133 Santa Clara - $119,000
1825 Shoreline Dr. - $102,000
143 Weymouth Ct. - $270,000
ALBANY
1076 Peralta Ave. - $242,000
BERKELEY
1517 5th St. - $100,000
2417 5th St. - $200,000
861 Creston Rd. - $290,000
2508 Dana St. - $265,000
2140 Derby St. - $296,000
215 Hillcrest Rd. - $670,500
1234 Neilson St. - $155,000
2811 Piedmont - $345,000
EL CERRITO
810 Contra Costa - $229,000
1516 Liberty St. - $175,000
2608 Monte Vista - $272,500
5230 Victor Ave. - $161,000
EL SOBRANTE
4400 Bermar Ave. - $145,000
EMERYVILLE
8 Emery Bay Dr. - $106,000
OAKLAND
2514 Bartlett St. - $100,000
5375 Belgrave Pl. - $254,500
5618 Cabot Dr. - $299,000
3625 Calafia Ave. - $162,000
5076 Dublin Ave. - $323,000
2739 E. 17th St. - $105,000
11230 Elvessa St. - $280,000
5233 Fleming Ave. - $142,000
6639 Gunn Dr. - $312,000
5431 Holland St. - $110,000
7145 Homewood - $332,500
5052 Kearney Ave. - $270,000
34 Leamont Ct. - $224,000
4050 Lyman Rd. - $110,000
810 Mandana Blvd. - $323,000
6024 Monadnock - $145,000
11222 Monan St. - $450,000
3277 Nicol Ave. - $127,000
3025 Partridge - $185,000
5046 Pierpoint - $120,000
2678 Ritchie St. - $125,000
7087 Saroni Dr. - $240,000
74 Sheridan Rd. - $400,000
2030 Tampa Ave. - $310,000
SAN LEANDRO
1237 Amber Cir. - $260,000
13706 Bancroft - $90,000
2496 Dundee Ct. - $176,500
553 Durant Ave. - $116,000
2038 Evergreen - $210,000
2019 Gulfstream - $320,000
1094 Hutchings - $138,000
2038 Lomita Dr. - $258,000
1862 London Ave. - $205,000
775 Midway Ave. - $125,000
1539 Pierce Ave. - $139,000
1165 Sandelin - $272,000
14429 Tiburon - $179,000
354 Warwick - $166,500
SAN LORENZO
15788 Via Teresa - $180,000
1660 Via Tovita - $149,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: $102,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $345,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $207,428

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES:1
PRICE: $242,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: $100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $670,500
AVERAGE PRICE: $290,187

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: $161,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $272,500
AVERAGE PRICE: $209,375

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: $145,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: $106,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST PRICE: $100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $450,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $227,041

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: $90,000

HIGHEST PRICE: $320,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $189,642

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES:2
LOWEST PRICE: $149,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $180,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $164,500

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Into a connoisseur's kitchen

By Carol Egan

For the past eighteen years the East Bay French-American School has offered, as its annual fund-raising drive, a Kitchen Tour and Raffle. Proceeds from the event sponsor the school's scholarship fund and enrichment programs.

Last year's event brougth in $72,000 This year's date for the popular event is Sunday, May 5.

The self-guided tour of eight kitchensincludes a turn-of-the-century Craftsman style kitchen of well-known architect, Glen Jarvis, a Japanese-inspired kitchen of architect and furniture designer, David Stark-Wilson and the newly remodeled and enlarged kitchen of food and wine expert, Narsai David.

David's two-story brown shingle home near the Claremont Hotel has been on the school's kitchen tour itinerary for the past seventeen years

In 1961 the Davids purchased the house which had been divided into two separate apartments by a previous owner. When the tenants moved out, they decided to restore it to a single family home.

They last remodeled the kitchen in 1965. In the following years they virtually rebuilt the rest of the house, room by room.

Since it seemed perfectly func-

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324 Olive Avenue
Asking price for this fine home is
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PIEDMONT

9 WYNGAARD AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA.....$849,000
Spectacular English Tudor w/ultimate charm throughout Sally Mornson

58 WILDWOOD GARDENS, PIEDMONT - 4+BD/3BA.....$789,900
Lovely traditional, spacious rooms, wonderful gardens. Sandi Klemmer

33 PIEDMONT COURT, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3BA.....$699,000
Tastefully renovated trad in convenient central location. Roselie Woods

10 BONITA AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/1+BA.....$549,000
Very charming craftsman style, meticulously maintained Francis Heath

712 BLAIR AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 4BD/2BA.....$479,000
Just listed! Sparkling! All level, hardwood floors, au pair. Tom Anthony

159 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/3BA.....$475,000
Lovely, tree setting, family room, new exterior paint. 2 decks. Joan Hause

10 BLAIR AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/2BA.....$439,000
Mediterranean in great central location, sunny yard. Georgia Cornell

OAKLAND / BERKELEY

32 GRAVATT DRIVE, CLAREMONT HILLS - 3BD/3+BA.....$895,000
Stunning timeless classic, panoramic bay views, courtyard. Patty Scott

1832 GRANDVIEW DRIVE, NORTH HILLS - 3+BD/2+BA.....$499,000
Just listed! Views! Maple floors & cabinets! Fantastic! Vicki Woodhead

1527 MOUNTAIN BLVD, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/2+BA.....$425,000
English cottage on almost 1/4 acre, beautiful setting Brooks Anderson

5869 AMY DRIVE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3+BD/2+BA.....$389,000
Huge rumpus w/fireplace, formal dining, eat-in kitchen. Wendy Gardner

6167 VIEWCREST DRIVE, RIDGEMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....$385,000
Just listed! Wonderful views, light & bright, kitchen/family rm. Robyn Mohr

6276 ASPINWALL ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA.....$359,000
Sunny contemporary, family room, spa, beautiful decks. Ann Nichols

6574 CHELTON DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....$339,000
Well designed contemp, light and airy, canyon views Donna Costella

4071 OAKMORE ROAD, OAKMORE - 3+BD/2+BA.....$329,000
Pristine Tudor, wooded setting, family room. 2 decks, hot tub Dick Cohen

819 NORTH VALE, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/3BA.....$305,000
New listing! Updated contemp ranch, private tree setting Teri Carlisle

12575 BROOKPARK RD, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2BA.....$285,000
Just listed! One level ranch, fam rm, hdwd floors, privacy. Nancy Chew

419 ELWOOD AVE, GRAND LAKE - 2++BD/1+BA.....$269,000
Spacious craftsman, large sunny deck & yard, huge bsmt Donna Costella

4406 WHITTLE AVENUE, OAKMORE - 3BD/2BA.....$249,950
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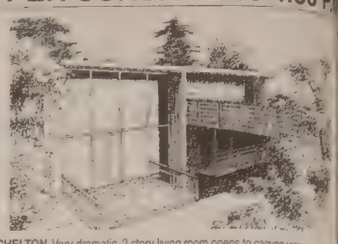
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Cohousing advocate to speak in Berkeley

by Don Lindemann

Though many California residents have pulled up stakes in recent years and moved to distant suburbs or rural areas in search of the ideal community, Chris Hanson believes that people can find everything they are looking for right here in the East Bay if they're willing to be creative.

He should know—Hanson has been involved in some of the most imaginative housing projects in North America.

Taking a break from his work as project manager for a new neighborhood in British Columbia, Hanson is in the East Bay to consult with some local developers and cohousing resident associations.

"People are looking for a way to live in the heart of the city in a way that provides security, affordability and a strong sense of community," said Old Oakland Cohousing Group's Joani Blank Her group has been exploring the feasibility of a cohousing project within a larger mixed-use development at the Swan's Market site downtown.

Hanson sees a need for new approaches to housing development in urban as well as rural areas.

"The romantic image of the log cabin in the woods has led to the urban isolation of our single family neighborhoods, making our homes too separate and autonomous," he said.

"Our rugged individualism has led us to the point of feeling detached from the world around us, as if somehow we don't belong anymore."

The solution Hanson proposes is based on the "cohousing" model developed more than 20 years ago in Denmark and subsequently popularized by Berkeley architects Kathryn McCamant and Charles Durrett. Residents in cohousing enjoy their own private dwelling units complete with kitchen and dining space, but they also enjoy some of the advantages of a traditional village or close-knit neighborhood out of America's past.



The CoHousing Company

Chris Hanson's latest cohousing project near, Vancouver, Canada, clusters 34 homes along a glass-covered pedestrian street creating a year-round common area for the residents.

A centrally-located "common house" often includes a lounge for adults, play space for children, a workshop or crafts area and a dining room where residents may partake of community meals several times a week.

According to a recent article in The Wall Street Journal, "Cohousing is no hippie throwback. Instead, it is an emerging housing option for disaffected suburbanites who are trading in big homes on large lots in bedrock neighborhoods for a way of living that emphasizes friendship, cooperation and belonging."

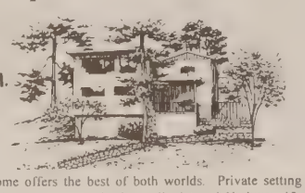
Hanson, who has an eclectic background ranging from real estate development to graduate studies in philosophy, recalls the moment when he first heard about cohousing in Seattle back in 1988.

"Everything I had been looking for, all my explorations, all the odd and sundry jobs I had done in my life, all seemed suddenly to come together, to have a reason," he said Almost immediately he convened a meeting at a local fire house to show slides and explain the concept.

About 45 interested people showed up— including the core of a group that went on to develop the

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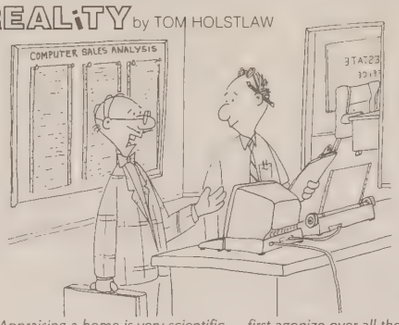


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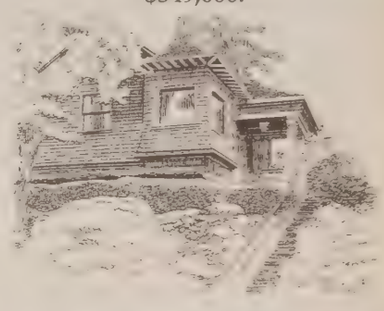
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Mason McDuffie Realtor Randy Morton receives his President's Club award fromEl Cerrito office manager Marcia J. Schwartz. With this award,Morton joins the company elite.

A. David Cobo, President and CEO of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, named Randy Morton of the El Cerrito office to the Mason-McDuffie President's Club at the firm's annual awards ceremony held at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley.

Based on annual gross commissions, the prestigious President's Club consists of the top five percent of Mason-McDuffie's 1,500 agents.

Randy Morton has been active in real estate since 1992. He is a graduate of Mason-McDuffie's WIN program and has experienced an increase in his real estate business of more than 50 percent in each of the past two years.

An avid golfer, Morton also finds the time to contribute to his community through active membership in several organizations such as the Rotary Club.

Morton also serves as a member of the Board for the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors and as its Program Chair.

According to Marcia J. Schwartz, El Cerrito office manager, "The President's Club represents the highest honor that Mason-McDuffie bestows upon its top agents."

Mason-McDuffie congratulates Randy Morton for his commitment to excellence.

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second cohousing community in the United States. "We were off and running," said Hanson.

Since that time Hanson has become the Johnny Appleseed of cohousing in the Northwest, catalyzing several projects and consulting with dozens of resident groups. "Cohousing is a means for people to make a major step toward community without giving up their privacy and control over their personal lives," he said.

In 1993 Hanson worked with a group in Victoria, British Columbia, bringing to fruition Canada's first cohousing community. Completed in September 1994, it consists of 17 units split between two connected four-story buildings within a 15 minute walk of downtown.

Six units are in an 80-year old manor that has been completely renovated, while the remaining 11 are in a new building built to resemble the old. It is considered by many in the burgeoning cohousing movement to be a model for urban community living, offering a wide range of unit sizes and 3200 square feet of common facilities on the ground floor.

Currently there are 18 cohousing projects completed around the country, with another dozen under construction. There are two in the East Bay—one in Emeryville and another, partially completed, in Berkeley.

As for Hanson, his latest effort is a project consisting of 34 homes arranged along a glass-covered "pedestrian street" in Langley, British Columbia.

The glass canopy will let in light and warmth, greatly increasing the usability of common areas during British Columbia's long winters. Hanson is also consulting with a group that hopes to incorporate cohousing residence clusters within a larger "eco-village" in Prince George.

"Development is a creative process that requires having the tools and the resources to create," said Hanson. "Just as a painter needs to start with a canvas and materials, you need certain tools to create housing. It definitely takes more ... also requires a people proc... lots of trust."

Hanson will be the ... speaker at a symposium sp... by the Berkeley-based Co... Network.

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$249,500 1075 ROSE AVE. A 2+BR, 1 B... bungalow with view toward Mt. Tam... bridges & Oakland Hills. Plus room ... side separate entry with full bath! Russ ... 814-9982

$295,000 5840 OCEAN VIEW. CHARM... CRAFTSMAN IN CHOICE ROCKRIDGE ... CATION! A 2+ BD, 2 BA with family ro... formal dining & remodeled attic! Barbara ... 521-2101

$338,900 223 TAURUS AVE. WONDER... BAY & BRIDGE VIEWS! 4 BD, 2 1/2 B... large living room & master suite. Wra... balcony, formal dining & fireplace! Anna ... 865-4340

$400,000 3923 BROADWAY. UNIQUE CO... MERCIAL BUILDING! Two-story buildi... turning kitchen, bar, downstairs meeti... upstairs meeting hall, offices, storage ro... restrooms, plus parking lot adjacent to ... Elaine Budka 814-4835

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$269,500 261 BRIAR DR. WONDERF... FAMILY HOME ON CUL-DE-SAC! ... 3 BD 2 1/2 BA home with modern ... breakfast nook, large family room ... large yard area! Anna Woo 865-4340

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The Healing Connection in celebration of the first annual Children's Month presents free massages for children ages one to 12 from 10 a.m. to noon and ages 13-18 from 2 to 4 p.m., Sat. April 27, at 4110 Redwood Road, Suite 103, Oakland. The children will receive massages along with some awareness concerning health and healing; they will learn about foods that nurture the mind as well as the body. Come and have fun. Call 482-4354 for more information.

Truitt and White Lumber Co., 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley presents Engineered Wood Products, Sat. April 27, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dan Lamar of Weyerhauser Lumber and George Perrault of Trus Joist McMillan will share technical information and discuss practical applications of Glulam beams, trus joists, parallams and OSB sheathing. Reservations are required. Call 649-2674.

The non-profit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents Owner Contracting: Legal Aspects, Home Repair & Improvement: Hands-On and Plaster: Hands-On and Hardwood floor Refinishing: Hands-On. Sat., April 27. For information about weekday classes or to register for classes call 525-7610.

Park Day School presents Secret Gardens of the East Bay, Sun., April 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. This self-directed tour features 11 privately owned gardens displaying outstanding examples of botanic diversity, color artistry and design innovation. Tickets are $30; box lunches are available for an

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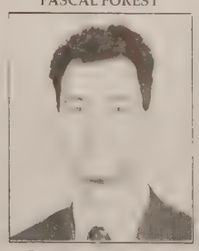
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additional $6.50. For information call the Park Day School 653-0317

Author and cohousing pioneer Chris Hanson of Vancouver, British Columbia will speak on Cohousing and Ecovillages,the latest trends in community living to be followed by a panel discussion on local projects, Sun. April 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Berkeley Conference Center, 2105 Bancroft Way (at Shattuck), Near BART. Admission is $10. Call 526-6124 for more information.

The Children's Support League's 8th annual "Heart of the Home" Kitchen Tour, will take place Fri. and Sat., April 26 and 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Also visit the Piedmont Community Center for the Spring Boutique featuring many new craftspeople and hundreds of gifts and accessories. Admission is free. Raffle tickets can be purchased for $1 apiece. Kitchen tour tickets are $25 on the day of the tour and can be purchased at 711 Highland Ave., Piedmont. All proceeds from the two-day event fund programs for East Bay children at risk. Call 273-9109 for more information.

The Wausau Mortgage Corp. annouuces Charles Patton's free 203k mortgage workshop Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product, Tues., April 30, 7 to 9 p.m., 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland, (the top floor of the Kaiser Center). The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan product to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis.Call (800) 801-1320 ext. 240. for other times and locations.

BankAmerica Mortgage presents Homebuyer Open House Forum,at 1322 North Main St., Walnut Creek. Learn how much home you can afford, get pre-approved before you start looking and receive a free credit review and analysis. Get the facts on popular 3-,5-,7- and 10-year fixed rate loans. Call in your special request and our search panel will provide you with select homes in your price range to preview at the forum. Free homebuyers kits will be presented to all those who attend. Call Maura at 295-3205 for more information. This forum is presented on an ongoing basis.

Kathleen Crandall of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, Inc. teams up with Mike Woodridge and Kai Matsuda of WebRangers Online Design to present the free seminar Marketing Your Home On the Internet. Brokers, home buyers and sellers will benefit from learning how the World Wide Web works. Find out about the latest Internet technologies that can be useful in marketing a home. All levels and abilities welcome. Reservations are required. Call Kathleen at Mason McDuffie 869-4214.

ACCI Gallery, 1562 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley exhibits To Cast A Shadow, a collection of landscape images and garden objects featuring Rod Titus, well-known Bay Area painter and printmaker. The show will also include Northern California artists George-Ann Bowers' mixed media, Kate Cameron's photography and Bill Creitz' sculpture. The exhibit runs through April 28. Visit the gallery Tues.- Sat., 10:30 to 5:30 noon-5, Sun. Call 843-2527 for more information.

A free First-Time Home Buyer Seminar, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. The next seminar will be held Wed., May 1. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

The 4th annual Discover East Bay Living 1996 Home Fair will be held Sat., May 4 from 10 a.m.to 4 p.m. under a tent at the El Cerrito Plaza in El Cerrito. approximately 60 booths will be located under the Big Top with realty companies, lenders civic organizations and home-buying related vendors.

The Merritt College Horticultural Department Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents a free seminar on How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Purchase/Rehab Loan, 7 p.m. Thurs., May 23, at First American Title in the building adjacent to 1528 Webster, Owner-occupants can buy finished properties for no money down. Non-profits (churches or other) can buy and fix up properties for the community that they serve. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell properties using this loan product. Buyers, Realtors, contractors, non-profit organizations, churches, investors are welcome. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at (510) 528-0767, ext. 17.

Le Tip International, a organization of independent businesspeople devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

The Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Wed. of every month at 6 p.m. at Showplace Square, 2 Henry Adams Street in San Francisco. Call (415) 255-6463 for more information.

The Friends of the Latin American Library hold regular meetings at the Latin American Library, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

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73 BEECHWOOD, Luxurious, new, 5bd/5++ba, great room, quality Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer, George Karsant 339-1174 — $1,075,000

6111 MAZUELA DR, Magnificent nw 5bd/4ba, gourmet kit, garden The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 — $939,000

6101 MAZUELA DR, New w/trad flair! pano view, marble/granite The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 — $929,000

119 BEECHWOOD DR, Claremont Pines colonial, lndscpd gardens The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 — $849,000

5038 COCHRANE AVE, English country manor, Upr Rckrdge, dbl lot Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133 — $795,000

6414 SWAINLAND RD, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, new on market Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667 — $747,500

13757 SKYLINE BL, Hillcrest Est 4bd/4½ba, FDR, guest house The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400 — $721,000

5911 BUENA VISTA, Rckridge 4+++bd/3+ba, bay vw, quality, xtras The GRUBB Company, Debra J. Dryden 339-0400 — $719,000

5435 GOLDEN GATE, Rockridge, new 3+bd/2½ba trad, features!! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Florence869-4250 — $669,000

1260 GRANDVIEW, New 4bd/3+ba, home office, gorgeous kitchen Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 531-7000 — $649,000

6685 SHEPHERD CANYON RD, 4bd/3 ½ba, 1st open, grt mstr suite Better Homes, Suzanne Linford 339-4000 — $599,000

7251 SKYLINE, Privacy & views, 5bd/4+ba, study, decks, lvl yds Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174 — $599,000

9009 BROADWAY TER, New w/a view! Montclair 4+bd, fam room Coldwell Banker, Jim Duffy, Michael Thompson 339-1174 — $589,000

925 GLENDOME CIR, Glenview 3++b/2½b Med, vws, in-law, more! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, James Garcia 869-4211 — $579,000

14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller 4/3 in prime location! FDR, much more! Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 — $569,000

56 SHERIDAN, 5bd/4ba, great floor plan, newly built, bay views Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978 — $567,000

2727 LAS AROMAS, P.Pines, classic 4+/3+ trad, views, office, gdn The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400 — $529,000

6307 BROOKSIDE AVE, Upr Rockridge stunning 4bd/3ba Med, gdn The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400 — $499,000

1832 GRANDVIEW DR, North Hills 3+bd/2+ba just listed! views! Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 — $499,000

5850 PINEWOOD, 4bd/2½ba on large lot, quiet neighborhood Gallagher & Lindsey, Debbie 748-1806 **SUNDAY 2-4:30** — $485,000

5259 HARBORD Dr, 5/3½ Upr Rockridge trad, swim, pool, aupair or rental downstairs, city vw. Coldwell Banker, J. Babington 547-1615 **SUN 1-4** — $469,000

1864 GRANDVIEW, Hiller 3/3 townhome, mstr w/frpl, gourmet kitchn Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 — $459,000

1080 HUBERT Rd, Elegant/dramatic 3+bd/2+ba masterpiece, garden Coldwell Banker, Stacy Winett 339-1174 — $449,000

6040 OCEAN VIEW, Upr rockridge 3bd Mediterranean Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 — $445,000

6905 EXETER DR, Piedmont Pines 4+bd/3½ba, slashed $30K Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667 — $439,500

5779 BALMORAL, Spacious 5bd/3++ba Skyline hm, pool, cabana Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174 — $439,000

4326 VIEWCREST CT, 5bd/3ba, bay vw, lvl yard, fam rm, bonus rm Mason-McDuffie, Margaret Wade 428-0900 — $438,900

2699 HAVERHILL DR, Pied Pines 4bd/3½ba, 1st open, secluded Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000 — $429,000

1406 TRESTLE GLEN, 3bd/2½ba Mediterranean charm! great yard Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174 — $427,500

1527 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4+bd/2+ba English cottage, 1/4 acre Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460 — $425,000

5836 EXETER, New construction, Montclair 4+bd, FDR, kit/fam rm Wells & Bennett, David Hennigan 531-7000 — $419,000

5917 MARGARIDO, Upr Rockridge, fab 3bd/2½ba trad, grt location Better Homes, Vickie Chan Case 522-3957 — $419,000

2000 LEIMERT BL, 5bd/2ba plus 1/1 in-law unit, large decks Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000 — $415,000

12 MARLIN COVE, Hiller, just listed! 2bd/2½ba, large deck Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 — $405,000

3299 BRUNELL, Montclair 5+bd/3+ba, bay view, 5/8 acre, more! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202 — $399,000

5210 CLAREWOOD DR, Upr Rckrdge 3+bd/2+ba charming, fam rm The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 — $395,000

6801 SNAKE, Montclair fabulous 3bd/4ba redo, sharp!! Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, David Otero 869-4239 — $395,000

5064 ROSS ST, Prime Rockridge, lg sunny rooms, FDR, grt garden Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174 — $389,000

5869 AMY DR, Upr Rckrdge 3+bd/2+ba, huge rumpus w/frpl, FDR Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 — $389,000

5809 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 3/2½, studio abv garage, garden The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400 — $389,000

6167 VIEWCREST DR, Ridgemont 3+bd/2+ba, just listed, grt views Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460 — $385,000

1 TEMPLAR PL, Upr Rockridge, just listed 3/2½, a real jewel! Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174 — $369,000

5 ASHMOUNT WAY, Crocker 4bd/2ba, mint! private, quiet, views Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092 — $369,000

8390 SKYLINE BL, Montclair contemp, fab remod kit, walk to park Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174 — $369,000

5565 MASONIC AVE, Rockridge, price reduced! 5bd/3ba, lg yard Mason-McDuffie, Nancy Lehrkind 428-0900 — $365,000

5260 PROCTOR AVE, Upr Rockridge, just listed 3/1½, remod kitchn Coldwell Banker. Michael Thompson 339-1174 — $359,000

1077 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker gracious Med, 3b/2½, deck, garden The GRUBB Company, Stacy Ewing 339-0400 — $359,000

6276 ASPINWALL RD, Montclair 3bd/3b sunny contemp, spa, decks Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 — $359,000

4 BOWLES PLACE, Crocker on cul-de-sac, 3bd, aupair, garden The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400 — $349,500

2424 STOCKBRIDGE DR, P. Pines, charming, 3bd/1½ba, lvl garden The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400 — $339,000

6574 CHELTON DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, light/airy, canyon views Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460 — $339,000

6916 BRISTOL, Claremont Hts 4bd/3ba 3000 sq ft contemporary Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray 287-5904 — $338,000

6501 PINENEEDLE, Montclair charm! cozy woodsy setting, 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174 — $335,000

1911 MANZANITA, Montclair 3bd/2ba w/pano view, sunny & quiet Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Converse 869-4212 — $330,000

4071 OAKMORE RD, Oakmore 3+bd/2+ba pristine tudor, 2 decks Pacific Union, Tom Wurst 339-6460 — $329,000

5945 HARBORD DR, Montclair adorable 3bd/2ba, hdwds, move in! The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 — $329,000

870-872 ERIE, Grand Lake, duplex, big sunny 2bd units Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Rex Thomas 869-4245 — $329,000

7110 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 4bd/2ba wonderful for family, yard Better Homes, Julie Hasting 339-4000 — $309,000

819 NORTHVALE, Crocker 3bd/3b updtd rance, new listing! private Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460 — $305,000

1890 CLEMENS RD, Oakmore exquisite tudor, 2+bd, patio, bay vw Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392 — $299,900

2634 CHARLESTON ST, 3/2, opportunity to sweat equity go far Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860 — $299,500

4076 WATERHOUSE RD, Charming 3bd/1½ba, lg rumpus, FDR The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400 — $299,500

5760 SCARBOROUGH, Montclair 3bd/2ba, cute, huge garden, view Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lani Clarke 869-4210 — $299,000

6709 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 3bd/2½ba, just reduced! family rm Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653 — $298,900

527 CROFTON AVE, Lakeshore 3bd/2ba English style, huge gdn Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-6160 X329 — $294,500

4338 TERRABELLA, Redwood Hts, 3bd/2+ba great newer home Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, 869-4203 — $294,000

4244 LAGUNA, Dynamite remod kit, bay view, top quality, plank flrs Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000 — $289,000

5850 BROADWAY, Rockridge 4bd/2ba, legal sep unit below, hdwds The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400 — $289,000

12575 BROOKPARK RD, Just listed, 1-level 3/2 ranch, hdwds, pvt Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460 — $285,000

51 CHELTON LN, Montclair 3/2, decks, sunny vistas, garden entry The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400 — $284,500

4266 FRUITVALE AVE, SF bay vw, privacy, 2+bd, FDR, brkfst rm Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000 — $279,500

6070 THORNHILL CT, Montclair 3bd/2ba, cul-de-sac, move in! Better Homes, Julie Renalds 339-8400 — $279,000

300 CAPRICORN, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, sep studio/office, deck, vws The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400 — $275,000

1201 HOLMAN RD, Crocker 3bd/1ba tudor just listed! adorable Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092 — $275,000

4481 MORAGA AV, Large 2+bd, plus rm, FDR, walk Piedmont Ave Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000 — $269,500

1121 GLENDORA AVE, Glenview charming duplex, 2/1 & 1/1, deck The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400 — $269,000

419 ELWOOD AVE, Grand Lake 2++bd/1+b craftsmn, deck, bsmnt Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 — $269,000

4601 HARBORD DR, Upr Rckrdge 3+bd delight! remodeled kitchen Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X104 **SUNDAY 2-4** — $269,000

2483 CORDOVA ST, Dimond, rare 2-stroy 1930's Med, 3/2½, details The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400 — $260,000

4045 LYMAN RD, Oakmore 3bd/1½ba, sunny terraced yard Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 339-4000 — $259,000

5340 BROADWAY TER #701, 2bd/2ba artistic penthouse, reduced!! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Clair Cunningham 644-5434 — $259,000

4761 DAVENPORT, 2100 sf, 3bd/2ba, fenced yd, workshop, SF vw Wells & Bennett, Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000 — $259,000

1960 MAGELLAN, Montclair, 2bd/1ba w/new paint/carpet/more!! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, B. Boze 869-4216 — $255,000

5646 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba in mint condition Mason-McDuffie 527-9800, Kiyoko Sera 526-2945 — $253,000

4406 WHITTLE AV, Oakmore 3bd/2ba quiet retreat, new paint in/out Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460 — $249,950

5828 COLTON BL, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, 1st open! fixer, walk Village Mason-McDuffie, Sherri Oakley 428-0900 — $249,950

17063 BROADWAY TR, Montclair 2/2, spa, deck, view, frpl, wkshop Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400 — $249,000

5360 ESTATES DR, Upr Rckrdge 2+bd/2ba, frpl, hdwds, dbl garage Wells & Bennett, Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780 — $249,000

3838 GLEN PARK, 1st open 2bd +sunporch, remod kit/ba, fruit trees Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000 — $249,000

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2 garages. Must Sell! Owner 834-8768, **SUNDAY 10:30-2:45 & MONDAY 10-5 5% Down** — $245,500

2443 ALIDA ST, 3bd/2ba w/family room, upper Dimond area National Real Estate Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380 — $245,000

541 MANDANA, 3bd/1½ba Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 — $245,000

747 CALMAR, Just listed! curb appeal, 3bd, brkfst rm, FDR, deck Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174 — $244,500

485 PEDESTRIAN WY, Rckrdge 2bd/1ba sunny crftsmn, modern kit Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 — $239,000

4014 WATERHOUSE, Oakmore 2+/1 bungalow, motivated seller Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 — $239,000

4247 KNOLL, Off Mountain Bl. 2/1½, lg lot, separate studio w/loft Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300 — $235,000

50 RAMONA AV, Walk Pied Ave, nw kit/ba, 2bd, sunporch, charm The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400 — $229,000

6907 SARONI DR, Montclair 2bd/2ba, lg private master bdrm suite, excellent condition, landscaped, fruit trees. Edward Bell Realty 339-9398 — $227,500

5153 SHAFTER, Rockridge 3/2 charmer, hdwds, walk College Ave Coldwell Banker, John Nielsen 339-1174 — $225,000

4610 MATTIS CT, Redwood Hts 3bd/2½ba, 1st open! must see! Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 339-4000 — $219,000

4374 ARDEN PL, Oakmore 2bd/1½ba, peace & quiet, good schools Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 339-4000 — $219,000

17 WHITTLE CT, Dimond spacious 3bd/1+ba, landscaped Mason-McDuffie, Eunice Edwards 834-2010 — $219,000

5130 LAWTON AV, Rckrdge 2bd w/frpl, hdwds, bsmnt, shop/garage Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174 — $215,000

2178 HIGH ST, @ San Carlos, 4bd/1++b Victorian, butlers quarters, pantry, 4 frpls, full bsmnt, attic space. Chang & Hardeman 482-3800 **SUN 2-4** — $214,000

3154 CALIFORNIA, Laurel 2+bd/2ba just listed! space, value Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202 — $209,000

1570 EXCELSIOR, Glenview 2bd/1ba, large yard, easy SF commute Better Homes, Carolynn Hartley 339-4000 — $203,000

3957 COOLIDGE AVE, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1ba 1920's charm, fab lot Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860 — $198,850

5007 WEBSTER ST, 2bd/1½ba, spacious backyard, 3 rms in bsmnt Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 286-7571 — $198,000

4630 REINHARDT, Redwood Heights 3bd/2ba Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Howard Converse 869-4212 — $189,500

3734 HIGH ST, New listing! 3bd/2ba, garden, charm, view Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400 — $185,000

3330 WISCONSIN, 3bd/1ba, reduced to sell! nds TLC, has potential Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643 — $179,000

2501 RAMPART, Lincoln Hts, 2bd/1ba, new listing! A-1, grt yard Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Dresser 869-4224 — $179,000

6300 LAIRD, 3bd/1½ba designer perfect, frpl, remod kit, fam rm Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010 — $179,000

3927 BROWN AV, Laurel cozy 2/1½ craftsman bungalow, sunny yd Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174 — $178,000

589 AILEEN ST, Idora Park, mint condition 2/1, FDR, 2-car garage Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 267-2501 — $175,000

2551 FERN ST, Maxwell Pk 3bd/1½ba, quality, view, dbl lot Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-8400 — $174,500

3380 WYMAN, Maxwell Pk 3bd/1½ba lovely setting, FDR, frpl, decks Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, karen Davis 869-4865 — $174,000

3869 RHODA, 2bd/1ba split level, FDR, frpl, gar w/interior access Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000 — $169,000

6222 DOVER St, Updtd 2/1 craftsmn, frpl, hdwd, deck, gdn, reduced! The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400 — $167,000

6109 OUTLOOK AVE, Millsmont 2bd/1ba, frpl, plank floors, dbl gar Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036 — $164,500

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Noah Berger

Food and wine expert Narsai David invites the Bay Area into his newly remodeled kitchen as a part of the French-American School's Kitchen tour and raffle on Sunday, May 5.

Narsai

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tional, they had no plans to redo the kitchen, although it was long, narrow and quite dark.

The impetus to remodel recently came when the refrigerator wore out and had to be replaced. "The oven was getting a little tired, too," said David.

Once the decision was made they consulted with architect Steve Goerges and discovered that the space could be enlarged considerably.

"We started messing around with drawings and plans to try to figure out what to do, and before long we realized that the only way we were materially going to change things was to substantially expand," he said.

The west side extension allowed the addition of a walk-in pantry, while the northern exterior wall was moved out into the garden, offering space overhead for the installation of a double row of skylights which brightened the area directly above the double sink and countertop.

On the east side, an additional six-feet provided enough room to incorporate David's office, complete with an L-shaped desk and built-in file cabinets.

Descending the two steps into the spacious kitchen, one immediately notices the abundance of light and space.

On the right is the office area and, to the left, in the center of the kitchen, is a large island containing a gas Russell Range with a steam injection oven.

Nearest the entryway is a double oven enclosed in stone. "The architect tried to talk me into building a wood-burning oven here. But I've done some baking recently in one," said David. "Unless you can keep the fire going constantly, it's just not a very practical way to cook. The idea was just not realistic."

Instead David installed a Thermador double oven in a stone enclosure. The stone motif is carried over into the floor through the use of a warm, sandy-colored Italian ceramic tile. In contrast to the roughly textured floor tiles, the elegant, smooth countertops, made of a special granite from Brazil, are of a green/black color, flecked with bits of silver.

Adding to the textural richness of the kitchen are several very fine quality and beautiful woods including an old black oak beam, the redwood framing of the double row of skylights, and the multiple walnut veneered drawers with their matching walnut pulls.

There are no wall-hung cabinets above waist level, the drawers and pantry serving instead as storage space. Two display cabinets, located on either side of the room, have glass doors and are illuminated from within.

In addition to the natural light from the skylights and windows which line the north wall, there are also numerous recessed ceiling lights. Several neon lights add an unusual decorative touch.

Despite the time, effort and involved, he seems extr... pleased with the results ... pants on this year's Kitchen T... will surely be stimulated and haps, even inspired to improve ... own domicile.

Purchasers of a $35 ticket benefit receive the Kitchen T... raffle ticket and a champagne ... cheon, featuring Cajun-Creole ... sine served al fresco in a 1925 ... Polk designed estate garden.

Raffle prizes include the ... Prize of a trip for two to P... cluding airfare and hotel ... week. For an additional $... lebrity chef breakfast cook... Gerald Hirigoven, award-wi... chef-owner of Fringale's an... new Pastis restaurant, is also ... able.

Those attending the brea... will also have the opportuni... mix and mingle with other fo... Bay Area chefs including ... David, Jean-Pierre Moulle (... Panisse), Faz Poursohi (Faz) ... Bette Kroening (Bette's Di...

Bonus prizes of dinner for ... at a renowned Bay Area resta... will be raffled off to those pu... ing $100 tickets.

For further information cal... 3790.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

3521 WILSON, Oakland 2bd/1ba — $162,000
Coldwell Banker, Linda Goldman 486-1495

3449 WILSON, Dimond, 2+bd/1ba tudor, charm, lg lvl lot, A-1 — $159,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

3606 GLEN PARK RD, Glenview charming 2bd/1ba tudor, details! — $157,500
Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X142 **SUNDAY 2-4**

3014 MILLSBRAE, 3b/2b nr Mills College, mstr suite, FDR, garage — $153,000
Gadsby & Associates, Andrew/Leigh 748-5300 **SATURDAY/SUNDAY 2-4:30**

2455 FRANCES ST, Maxwell Pk 3bd, bay vw, fam rm, hdwds, lg yd — $149,900
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100

1578 33RD AVE, Clean/sharp 3bd, one owner, remod kit, FDR, yd — $149,500
Wells & Bennett, Diane Earl McCan 531-7000

9115 LAWLOR ST, 3bd/2ba with a view & more! nr shops, school — $149,000
Better Homes, Morrie Feigenberg 339-4000

519 43RD ST, Updated 2bd/1ba, spacious flr plan, nr Telegraph — $149,000
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300

322 HANOVER #302, 2/2 condo; see http://www.mcd.com/kmc — $147,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Crandall 869-4214

2843 VALLECITO PL, 2+bd/1+ba, charming farmhouse w/privacy — $139,900
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mavis Delacrois 658-6332

5727 DOVER ST, Nice 2bd/1ba and bonus cottage! — $139,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 530-0596 **SUNDAY 2:30-4:30**

666 OAKLAND AVE #203, Fabulous 2bd/1+ba unit! small complex — $125,900
Wells & Bennett, Donna Conroy 531-7000

350 PERKINS #101, Adams Pt 3bd/1½ba, incredible price reduction — $109,000
Mason-McDuffie, Heidi Tuggle 834-2010

567 OAKLAND AVE #310, 1bd/1ba, spacious, blt-in, lg LR, nice — $ 64,800
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Pat 287-5910

625 ELDORADO #304, Tastefully redecorated 1/1 condo on quiet top floor corner, walk to Piedmont Ave. Stasky & Co. 525-8800 — $ 79,000

10147 EDES AVE, Newly rehabbed 2bd/1ba, formal family room — $ 99,000
Constance Codling, Agent 436-9136 **SUNDAY 1-4**

10 MOSS AVE #25, 1bd/1ba ready to move into! grt location — $ 52,900
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary McNeill 644-5444

6016 CHELTON, Dramatic 2-story, canyon view, 3/2, new kitchen — Best Offer
Wells & Bennett, Sharon Hammond 531-7000

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

44 INVINCIBLE CT, Marina 2/2 twnhm, water's edge, marine vistas — $289,000
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfellner 339-1174 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

11 REGULUS CT, Marina twnhse, peaceful lagoon, exquisite — $245,000
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfellner 339-1174 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

2027G OTIS, So.Shore lagoon view 2bd upper unit condo, 2 pools — $135,000
Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

ALBANY Open Sunday

905 VENTURA, 3bd/2ba, 1850 sf, den, FDR, brkfst room — $389,950
Security Pacific, Carolyn Dopp 223-6700 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1496 SONOMA AVE, Sunny Spanish style, pleasant garden — $239,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 **SUNDAY 2-4**

971 CURTIS 3bd/1ba — $239,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1491 SONOMA, 2bd/1ba, 6000 sf lot, new listing, nr Marin school — $215,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X186 **SUNDAY 1:30-4:30**

610 MADISON, Albany 2bd/1ba — $199,500
Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

816 EVELYN AVE, Secluded cottage, must see! — $178,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X132 **SUNDAY 2-4**

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

32 GRAVATT DR, Claremont Hills 3b/3+b timeless classic, bay vw — $895,000
Pacific Union, Patty Scott 339-6460

600 GRAVATT, Claremont Hills 5bd/3½ba contemporary, bay view, — $739,000
3-car garage, level yard. Park Place 631-0300

18 ROBLE CT, Elegant 5bd/3½ba, 4 frpls, built 1925 R. Stringham — $625,000
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 **SUNDAY 2-4**

956 HILLDALE, Wonderful 3 level 4bd/2ba Normandy style home — $575,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 **SUNDAY 1:30-4**

159 EL CAMINO REAL, Berkeley Uplands 4/2+, luxury mstr retreat — $569,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174

2920 DERBY ST, 4+bd/2 full ba, 2 half baths, study, full attic, gdn — $539,000
Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 **SUNDAY 2-4**

758 SPRUCE, 4bd/3ba — $499,950
Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495

1153 KEELER AVE, 4++bd/2½ba in private setting, great views!! — $499,000
Templeton Company, Nancy Noman 652-2133 X124 **SUNDAY 2-4**

971 EUCLID, 4bd/3ba Mediterranean magic! courtyard & more! — $495,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1106 GRIZZLY PEAK, Berkeley 4bd/3ba — $495,000
Coldwell Banker, Karen Brand 486-1495

2910 ELMWOOD CT, 3+bd/2½ba, remod kit/fam rm, deck, garden — $474,000
Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2741 ASHBY PL, Elmwood Br Shingle, 3/2 solarium, deck, garden — $470,000
Starr Realty 843-5676 **SUNDAY 2-4**

725 SPRUCE, Berkeley 4bd/2ba — $435,000
Coldwell Banker, Lydia Melsen 486-1495

1005 KEITH, New price! 1912 craftsman, 3+/2, detail, upgrades — $385,000
Marvin Gardens, Alice 526-1101 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1115 WOODSIDE RD, Quiet, serene 3bd/3ba, deck, garden — $365,000
Starr Realty 843-5676 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1884 SAN ANTONIO AVE, 2+bd/1ba traditional w/sep office, bay vw — $329,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1530 BERKELEY WAY, 3bd/1½ba — $329,000
Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495

65 PANORAMIC, 3bd/2½ba — $315,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

401 SPRUCE, 2bd/1ba — $299,000
Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495

517 THE ALAMEDA, 2bd/1ba — $295,000
Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495

1310 CORNELL, Updated 2bd/1ba Berkeley bungalow — $249,000
Better Homes 339-4000

2409 BROWNING ST, Beautiful 4bd/2ba, garden, garage, studio — $245,000
Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X142 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1333 CALIFORNIA ST, Nw listing! 2/1, charm, nr Monterey mkt, gdn — $235,000
Templton Company, Ron Egherman 652-2133 X127

2245 PRINCE St, Turn of century cottage, friendly nghbrhd, walk UC — $225,000
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

2104 DERBY, 2bd/1ba — $219,000
Coldwell Banker, Linda Wolan 486-1495

1635 CEDAR ST, 2bd/1ba, 1st open! hardwood, fireplace, more! — $209,729
Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727

1625 KAINS AVE, 2bd/1ba just listed! Br shingle w/artist's studio, yd — $199,000
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460

2319 EDWARDS ST, ZERO down on lease option! 2+bd/1ba, studio — $199,000
in garden. Charm, upgrades. Best block in town! 339-6941 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2316B BLAKE ST, Stunning 2/1 twnhse, light/bright, move in! — $189,500
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2371 VIRGINIA #2, 2bd/1ba — $189,500
Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495

1934 BERRYMAN ST, 1916 1bd cottage +office area, fencd garden — $189,000
Marvin Gardens 549-3441 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2901 HILLEGASS, Berkeley 1bd/1ba — $175,000
Coldwell Banker, Jerry Long 486-1495

1332 ALCATRAZ, 4+bd/3ba — $169,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 **SUNDAY 2-4**

2312 PRINCE #B, 1bd/1ba — $169,000
Coldwell Banker, Heidi Long 486-1495

1108 DWIGHT WAY, 2bd/2ba bungalow, frpl, hdwds, remod kitchen — $169,000
Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400

2029 CHANNING, Channing Place condos, 1 & 2bd city homes — $159,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 **SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-5** — to $189,000

2832 STANTON, 2bd bungalow, FDR w/blt-ins, hardwoods, fireplace, — $159,000
enclosed yard. Korman & Ng 525-4600 **SUNDAY 2-4**

1324 HOPKINS, Westbrae 2bd/1ba sunny gem, all new, frpl, gazebo — $145,000
Mason-McDuffie 526-5143, Lillie Braudy 524-7365

CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday

4979 HENSON PLACE, Spacious 4+bd/3++ba, 1/2 acre, pool — $469,950
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 **SUNDAY 1-4**

4971 HENSON PL, Custom 4bd/3ba, 3000 sf on one level — $439,950
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 **SUNDAY 1-4**

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

1214 CONTRA COSTA, Exceptional 2bd, large lot, aupair or office — $330,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **SUNDAY 1-4**

1109 KING DR, Spectacular bay view, lg flat private yd, 3+bd/2ba — $329,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 **SUNDAY 2-4**

18 WILDWOOD PLACE, El Cerrito 3bd/2½ba — $179,500
Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

1022 LIBERTY, 3bd/1ba — $174,000
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

837 ELM, Sunny 2+ba, big yard, hdwd floor, fireplace, hurry! — $169,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

4323 ESSEX, Exceptionally well preserved 2bd/1b Victorian cottage — $165,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X119 **SUNDAY 2-4**

HERCULES Open Sunday

344 SCOTTS VALLEY, Hercules 3bd/2½ba — $169,900
Coldwell Banker, Karen Danrich 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

111 ARLINGTON, New listing! charming 3bd/2ba, plank floors — $
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

263 STANFORD, Kensington 3bd/1½ba — $
Coldwell Banker, Gilda Waldman 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

ORINDA Open Sunday

8 CEDAR LANE, 3bd/2ba, total privacy, magnificent vistas, pool — $
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 **SUNDAY 1-4**

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

191 ESTATES DR, English tudor, 4/3½, bay vw, gardens, hot tub — $1,
The GRUBB Company, Bonnie Hirsch 339-0400

410 HAMPTON RD, Stylish 5bd/5b contemporary, patio, pool, spa — $1,
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

420 HAMPTON RD, 4b/3½b Colonial, fab detail, fam & rumpus rms — $
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

9 WYNGAARD AVE, 3bd/2+ba Tudor designed by Carl Warnecke — $
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

58 WILDWOOD GARDENS, Lovely 4+bd/3ba, wonderful gardens — $
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

407 PALA AVE, GG & bay vws, fam rm, sun rm, 4bd/2½ba, garden — $
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400

33 SOTELO, 2bd +den, 4+ba, aupair w/ba, enclosed lanai to patio — $
Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174

33 PIEDMONT CT, 4bd/3ba renovated traditional, central location — $
Pacific Union, Roselie Woods 339-6460

331 ST JAMES DR, 4bd/4½ba, 4300 sq ft, updtd kit, new cpt/paint — $
United California Brokers 838-9700 X38

180 MAXWELTON RD, Spacious, private, flex flr plan, office, garden — $
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

10 BONITA AVE, 3+bd/1+ba charming craftsman, central location — $
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

229 CARMEL, 1st Open! 3bd/2+ba, SF bay view, location! — $
Mason-McDuffie, Patti Edmonds 428-0900

1 MESA, 4bd/2½ba, beautiful LR & DR, library, master suite! — $
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092

18 MANOR DR, Charming Med, updtd kitchen, 4bd/2½ba, patio, gdn — $
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400

712 BLAIR AVE, 4bd/2ba, just listed! all level, hdwds, aupair — $
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

159 ST JAMES DR, 3bd/3ba lovely tree setting, fam rm, 2 decks — $
Pacific Union, Joan Hause 339-6460

10 BLAIR AVE, 3+bd/2ba Mediterranean, grt location, sunny yard — $
Pacific Union, Georgia Cornell 339-6460

324 OLIVE AVE, 4bd/3ba charming traditional, classic beauty — $
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000

96 OAKMONT AVE, Formal liv/dining, updtd kit, 3+/2, office, rumpus — $
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

89 OAKMONT AVE, 3+bd/2½ba dramatic creekside contemporary — $
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Maddy Hickling 655-6896

202 LINDA AV, Charming brown shingle, 3bd/1½ba, sunrm, fam rm — $
Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174

631 MORAGA AVE, Trad w/FDR, updtd kit, 4bd/3ba, mstr or in-law — $
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

179 OAK ROAD, 2bd/2ba, charm, family room, updated kitchen — $
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Lois Heyden 644-5408

2 CAVENDISH LN, Grt value! woodsy, hill vistas, 3bd/2½ba nds TLC — $
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

243 MARLOW DR, Sheffield Village 2/1½ remod, decorator touches — $
Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

3120 ROXBURY AVE, Sheffield Village 3bd/1½ba w/2-car garage — $
Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

890 DOWLING, 3bd/1½ba split lvl tudor, new listing! sharp! — $
Better Homes, Earle Shenk 339-4000 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

365 MELVEN CT, 3bd/1ba just listed! charming, nr schools & park — $
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**



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TRANSPORTATION

101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1996 to help the Homeless Children Please call us at 415-871-0685 We need Vans, Cars, RV S, Trucks Thank you

BMW 318I, 1985 Good condition, $4800 873-8555; 547-5695 (evenings/ weekends).

CHEVROLET, Celebrity Eurosport Wagon, 1986 Runs well Beige in and out $1800 769-6181

CHRYSLER New Yorker Landau, 1988 Full power, tape deck, 4 speaker, mint condition, original owner, $6500 521-3113.

GEO Tracker LSI, 1990, very low mileage, automatic, air, well-maintained, $6300 531-4283

JAGUAR, XJS, 1985 66K original miles, loaded, $8000/ or best offer Al or Janet 581-9843

PLYMOUTH Reliant wagon, 1981, automatic, new tires, 140,000 miles, $900 530-7539

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SUBARU, 1986 hatchback, 4 wheel drive turbo, standard transmission, original owner $2950/ best offer 482-8016

SUBARU wagon LS, 1992, 5 speed, all wheel drive, 50,000 miles, $11,000/ offer Message 530-6398

TOYOTA, 1885 SR5 Truck/ shell 120K, CD player, new tires, transmission. $2500 Best offer (510)339-7540

TOYOTA Corolla LE, 1990, 4 door, air, AM/FM cassette, sun roof, loaded Excellent condition $6200 or best offer. 531-7689

TOYOTA MR2, 1985, 80K, runs great, 5 speed, air/ radio/ cassette $3,400/ best offer. 524-3329

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103 Boats-Service & Storage

27 FOOT Soling Class Sail Boat. Great day sailor, class racer. 3 sets sails/ trailer. $2500 or best offer 337-1827

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As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclarion office, 6208 La Salle Ave , Oakland

WONDERFUL performing arts preschool urgently looking for a new home. Needs accommodations for 50 youngsters. Please contact Ms. Safsa, 568-0310

INCONTINENT?
Urinary pain, frequency, obstruction, cystitis, prostate= Chinese Medicine treatment. Thaelia LiRain M.S., L.Ac. 510-848-0937

GOOD Samaritan- Woman who assisted me to dentist's office when I fell March 26th, 11 a.m., 6200 Antioch parking lot, Montclair Please call Vonnie, 510-841-7910

SEEKING families to host Chinese, Norwegian, Finnish or Swedish High School girl/ boy for the 1996- 97 school year. If you can help, call 800-388-3013

205 Workshops & Classes

WORKSHOPS for young adults. Build a resume, hone interview skills, work on job applications, etc. Call for free brochure. (510)848-4875

206 Found

CAT, one week ago, Montclair Male Siamese, brown face/ tail, blue eyes Not fixed. 531-3531

SIAMESE cat, Easter Sunday Wildwood, Piedmont. 652-3016

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless kittens/ cats. Assistance provided Marc 510-444-3204

FIREWOOD: Eucalyptus and pine cut to rounds, ready to split. You pick up 638-0781

KITCHEN Aid built-in dishwasher, 10 years old, works great 652-3783

DOG needs home with yard. Norwegian Elk Hound, 1 year, housebroken, all papers/ shots 595-4912

208 Lost

HIMALAYAN cat, Sbrta, 6 years, tan, bushy tail Last seen Holy Names College campus 436-1639

LOST cat. Female, long hair, Siamese coloring Call with any information. (510)531-8032

CAT. Female long haired gray tabby with white chest Montclair district. Call 339-7925

DOG, Maggie, Australian Terrier, small, reddish brown, San Leandro tags. Piedmont, Dracena Park area. 547-4365

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447.

SMILES DAY SCHOOL
Pre-school program 2-9 -5 years Full-time and part-time Before and after school program Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00 339-3830

303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy courses by Boston Reed Company Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered institution- #2800291

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Reading, writing, spelling, computers, study skills, diagnostic testing. Individuals/ small groups 524-6455

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Teaches Windows, Installs upgrades Configures and advises $25/ hour. Call Charlie 279-9454

Touchstone Tutoring Service
English/ ESL Adults/ children (Essay writing/ language arts) Low rates. BA English/ JD 848-6448

304 Musical Instruction

ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons 25 years experience Very patient Ages 9- 90 531-5625 message

304 Musical Instruction

PIANO Lesson- Jazz, Blues Classical, more Experienced, patient. All ages First lesson free Ariel, 865-3943

VOICE lessons, beginning and advanced Classical technique, repertoire. Experienced professional singer. Patricia Hyde-Thomas, 510-234-8130

PIANO teacher for all ages and levels taught with a light touch Leslie 524-3858

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

AD Agency wants sales assistant. Maintain database, send letters, cold calls, meetings, follow-up. Part-time, $12/ hour. Mail resume: Bailey Group, 41 Tunnel Rd , Berkeley, 94705

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant with initiative Small Berkeley office seeks bright, capable, organized, detail-oriented Individual IBM computer and bookkeeping experience a must. 548-4159.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, part-time, afternoons, 10- 20 hours/ week Real Estate license and knowledge preferred. WP 5.1. Send resumes to: 5707 Redwood Rd , #14 Oakland 94619

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. El Cerrito business school is seeking an individual with a professional manner, flexibility, WordPerfect 5.1/ 6.0 Windows skills, and ability to prioritize, work under pressure, meet deadlines and perform administrative tasks Must interact well with staff and students Call Howard or Kim at 510-234-0076 or fax resume: 510-234-3083

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ASSISTANT Apartment Manager, 33 unit building near Kaiser Center Light duties 465-2611.

ASSISTANT director of gymnastics school, full-time, must have extensive background of teaching gymnastics to children ages 2- 12. Excellent office/ computer/ people skills Call for application 601-8424

BACK room assistant for retail store; label sewing, stocking, floor relief Apply in person, 5902 College Ave.

BILLING Clerk/ Receptionist. Our growing dental practice seeking multi-talented person to cheerfully answer our busy phones and skillfully manage our patient and insurance billing Entry level position with good salary and benefits. 654-3030

BOOKKEEPER, small office, 6- 10 hours/ week Requirements: MacIntosh, Excel, Quicken Fax letter/ resume: (510)352-9132.

BOOKKEEPER/ Secretary needed for a small computer software company. Knowledge of WordPerfect and Microsoft. Part-time to full-time 376-5561

BOOKKEEPER Payroll GL, AP on computer system, light secretarial, possible full-time, competitive salary, benefits. Send letter/ resume to: P.O Box 2246, Alameda, CA 94501

CATERING experienced on-call party captains, waitstaff, culinary. Sales assistant part-time. Market Hall Caterers 547-4066. Fax resume to 601-8251, attention: Susan.

CHIROPRACTIC office manager, pleasant personality and computer experience helpful. Call between 2- 6, 444-1235

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37.5 HOURS PER WEEK
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For more information, apply in person or send a self-addressed stamped envelope and a request to

City of Oakland
Office of Personnel Resource Management
505 14th Street, Suite 101
Oakland, CA 94612

Or you may call 510-238-3526 for more information. (Postmarks are not acceptable.)

CLERICAL, part-time Strong accounting background, typing, 10-key, filing, organized Salary DOE. 4th St., Berkeley Call Steve, 1- 2 p.m., 843-5744

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COMPUTER Sales. Responsible for technical aspects of sales Analyze system requirements, make recommendations, prepare quotes Must have thorough understanding of hardware and software Networking knowledge a plus Excellent communication, customer service and diagnostic skills required For immediate consideration send resume and salary requirements to P.O. Box 24662, Oakland, CA 94623

Computer Systems Assistant
SD & A, a company specializing in fundraising for nonprofit organizations, seeks a part-time systems assistant in the Systems Department of our Berkeley Calling Center Applicants should have experience using Foxpro or dBase Strong verbal and written communication skills are important considerations Apply by resume via fax or mail to: MIS Manager, 2168 Shattuck Ave , Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94704. FAX: (510)540-5792

401 Help Wanted

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DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT
Excellent opportunity for RDA with experience in all phases of restorative dentistry Full-time for private practice in Montclair Fax resume to: 482-0407 or call 601-1441.

DENTAL office, front desk, experienced, x-ray license, versatile, personable, multiple responsibilities Tuesday through Friday and Saturday morning. Alta Bates area. 843-9572; fax 548-8432.

DENTAL RDA needed for Berkeley prosthodontic practice. For information please call (510)528-1420.

DRIVER/ Box Van- Air Brakes. Nights Speak Spanish $10 /Lasar Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 893-9612.

ENERGENTIC, experienced day care worker for Berkeley school Part/ Full-time 644-1709

ESPRESSO help, Orinda, part-time, 3 days, 12- 4 p.m ; weekends, 6:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m , $6/ hour start with quick raise. Pro-goddess 254-6434.

FLORAL Sales, retail warehouse, part-time, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, 3- 7 p.m, Sunday 9:30- 6 Lifting required, floral knowledge and cashier experience required 653-7227

FLORAL Sales, retail warehouse, minimum 2 years employment in floral industry. Cashier experience. Full-time, weekends and holidays (10:30- 7 p.m.). Benefits 653-7227.

401 Help Wanted

Foreign Exchange Program Manager
Non-profit student exchange organization is seeking individual for part-time position which requires a high degree of responsibility, public relations, sales, counseling skills Must enjoy working with teen-agers, have excellent community contacts, oversee a 10 month high school program in own area Call (510)274-0889 or fax (510)274-0890

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FRONT Desk Clerk/ Night Auditor Holiday Inn Bay Bridge John Q. Hammons Hotel, accepting applications Experience needed 658-9300

FULL-TIME entry level position with wholesale jewelry importer Duties include answering phone file, customer service $6/ hour to start 530-7104

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LANDSCAPE company in need of hardworking, reliable individual Transportation a must Full-time and part-time positions available Evenings, 510-531-1091

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Garage & Estate Sales

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ESTATE SALE
ALAMEDA- 3259 Garfield Ave. off High St. Saturday and Sunday, 10- 4. Furniture including 1940's modern bedroom set, living room furniture, sewing machine, green painted chest, vintage radios, costume jewelry, bric-a-brac, tools, Christmas stuff, fabric and sewing items, household miscellaneous. Everything must go!

ESTATE SALE
"Spring is busting out all over" and so is Something To Sell About's showroom Our cluttered interior with layer upon layer of treasures is a collector's dream. A magnificent 7' gilded Victorian pier mirror reflects a major inventory of Asian porcelain from China, Thailand and Korea including Blue and White, Imari and Celadon bowls, vases, chargers and planters Upholstered Victorian reproduction parlor set with sofa, loveseat and 2 arm chairs, authentic Victorian fainting couch, parlor chairs and side chairs, antique oak corner and curved glass china cabinets, collection of signed Stickley rocking and arm chairs, great selection of mahogany Chinese tables, Baby Grand and Spinet pianos, pair of lacquered Chinese Temple sword holders, 3 unusual 8' painted pine tables, early 1900's oak bar, frizze sofas, Queen Anne dining room set with hutch, 1940's mahogany dining room set complete with buffet and china cabinet, antique oak and walnut sideboards, antique pine glass top hutch, several 1930's- 1940's walnut and mahogany bedroom sets, brass bed, antique square grand piano-desk, oak and walnut drop front desks, great 1930's Chinese carpets and Persian runners, 10 American and French wall and mantle clocks, early California oil paintings by Sam Hyde Harris and others plus additional oils and prints, 2 museum quality Chinese Ming Dynasty painted terra cotta busts of Lohan, set of 6 antique burled mahogany chairs, bronze statuary, Dresden figurines, antique Limoges, furnished antique doll house, dolls, mirrors, lamps, chandeliers, needlepoint foot stools, tons of vintage costume and estate jewelry, 15 sets of china, sterling flatware and serving pieces, Hummels, Cassone, American Indian artifacts, nautical brass lamps, antique French music box, crystal, Ruby glass, books, furs, saddle, cast iron stove, trunks and treasures April 27- 28, 9:30- 4 p.m. **1626 Park St., Alameda** (corner of Clement by Park St. Bridge)

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BERKELEY- Epworth Church, 1953 Hopkins Ave. (between MLK and Henry) April 27TH, Saturday 9- 3. Furniture, fashions, toys, kids' clothes, home electronics, computers and much more!

BERKELEY- 2200- 2300 blocks Jefferson Ave. at Bancroft Sunday, April 28, 9- ? Neighborhood Sale

BERKELEY- 2136 Carleton St. Saturday, 10- 4. Attic to yard sale

EL CERRITO- 1337 Lawrence Street. Saturday 9- 4 Twin beds/ mattresses, microwave, exercise bike, household

KENSINGTON- 46 Kenyon Ave. April 28, 9- 1. Garage/ Moving Sale

MONTCLAIR- 5701 Thornhill Hwy. 13 to Thornhill Exit/ head East Montclair Presbyterian Flea Market Saturday, 10- 3 Rain/ Shine No admittance until 10 Huge inventory/ Multi-sellers Parking Thornhill School nearby

MONTCLAIR- 4900 Proctor Ave., corner Agnes April 25, 26, 27 Moving Sale 8- 3 only

MONTCLAIR- 2681 Las Aromes. Saturday 9- 3. Garden cart, 40' extension ladder, New England antiques, tools, craftsman 10 radial saw, ceiling fans, copper molds, baskets, sink, file cabinet, lamps/ shades Mountain Blvd to Ascot to Mountaingate Way to Las Aromes

The Mother of All Garage Sales
MONTCLAIR- Shepherd Canyon Road at Banning. Big Block Sale Saturday, April 27 Starts at 10 a.m. Furniture, clothes, super kids stuff, Graco Play Pen collectibles, and other treasures Quilters and homemade goodies Entertainment by Mel and Chris This is the BIG ONE!

MORAGA- 121 Eileen Crt. 20 plus Family Giant Sale! Great Stuff- everything! Saturday, April 27th, 9- 2. Maps and items list at 121 Eileen Crt. Rose Rauschkolb, (510)376-4849

OAKLAND- Jack London Village. Alice and Embarcadero Saturday, Sunday April 27, 28, 9- 4. Old and new furniture, dining sets, Buffets, bedroom sets, rugs, mirrors "Great bric-a-brac"!!!

OAKLAND- 942 Vermont St. Sunday 10- 4. Furniture, rugs, Nordic Track, etc.

ESTATE SALE
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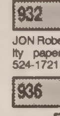
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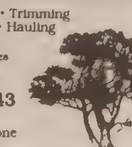
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This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 21, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 21, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1827
The Name of the Business:
Waitin On U Catering Services, 40 Monticello Ct., Oakley, CA 94561
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Dawn Renee Banuelos, 40 Monticello Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 19, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 19, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1764
The Name of the Business:
1) Fox Food Associates 2) Food Stuffs 3) Hugs and Knishes, 1063 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Gordon Fox, 2770 Carlsbrook Drive, Oakland, CA 94611.
Michelle Fox, 44 Cervantes, San Francisco, CA 94123
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 15, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 15, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1783
The Name of the Business:
The Looking Glass, 6064 Main Street, Clayton, CA 94517
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Neva Kathryn Turnock, 66 Antelope Court, Clayton, CA 94517.
John Three Eagles Turnock, 66 Antelope Court, Clayton, CA 94517.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 18, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 18, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1592
The Name of the Business
Travel Discount Club, 242 Hidden Creek Ct, Martinez, CA 94553
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Hoda Rafia, 242 Hidden Creek Ct, Martinez, CA 94553
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 8, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 8, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1961
The Name of the Business
Fine Jewelers, 39675 Cedar Blvd, #1001, Newark, CA 94560
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Treasures Jewelry Store, Inc., California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 22, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 22, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1792
The Name of the Business.
National Services, 11 W.18th St., Antioch, CA [redacted]
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Ralph Guillen, 25 Larchwood Ct., Oakley, CA 94561
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 18, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 18, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2009
The Names of the Businesses.
1)America's Best, 2)PC Filimonov, Two Annabel Lane, #123, San Ramon, CA 94583
Are hereby registered by the following owner:
Business Exchange Int., Inc., California.
These businesses are conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on March 26, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 26, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1547
The Name of the Business:
Lash's Mobile Repair, 932 Appian Way, El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Lash Longpre', 932 Appian Way, El Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 15, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 7, 1996.
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1584
The Name of the Business:
Alife Home Health Agency, 2500 Camino Diablo, Suite 206, Walnut Creek, CA 94595
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Angelita Pascual, 3520 Ridgewood Way, Richmond, CA 94806
Evangeline Roberto, 944 San Miguel Road, Concord, CA 94518
Ruth Johnson, 2328 Seminary Ave.;#209, Oakland, CA 94605
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 8, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 8, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1868
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Bobby's Backdoor Cajun BBQ, 2) Bobby's Cajun Kitchen, 12891 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Are hereby registered by the following owners:
Ralph Gradney, Jr., 3501 Solano Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Ralph Gradney, Sr., 3501 Solano Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Lisa Auxier, 3501 Solano Ave., Richmond, CA [redacted]
Susan Gradney, 3501 Solano Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Paula Whitney, 900 Southhampton, #34, Benicia, CA 94510.
Sean Barstead, 2563 Cryer St., Hayward, CA [redacted]
These businesses are conducted by a General Partnership
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on March 20, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 20, 1996.
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1935
The Names of the Businesses:
1)Dolphin Charters, 2)Nature Impressions, 1007 Leneve Pl., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Are hereby registered by the following owner:
Ronn Patterson, 1007 Leneve Pl., El Cerrito, CA 94530
These businesses are conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on March 21, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 21, 1996.
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1385
The Name of the Business:
Queenie's Nails, 1158 23rd St., Richmond, CA 94804
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Tri Huu Le, 1339 S. 58th St., Richmond, CA 94804
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 1, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2057
The Names of the Businesses.
1) Road Medic, 2) Jalapeno Glass Art Studio, 2836 Clinton Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
Are hereby registered by the following owner:
Jose Mingura, 2836 Clinton Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
These businesses are conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on March 28, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 28, 1996.
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1794
The Name of the Business:
Allied Boat Insurance Services, 2120 Diamond Blvd., #110, Concord, CA 94520
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
1)Steven Bennett Stockstader, 2109 Lost Lake Place, Martinez, CA 94553.
2)William D. Mulvana, 2657 East Olivera Rd., Concord, CA 94519.
3)Mark R. Pitts, 5739 Verna Way, Clayton, CA 94517
This business is conducted by Co-Partners
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 18, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 18, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1512
The Name of the Business
Endless Summer Travel, 858 Weibel Circle, Oakley, CA 94561.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Mike William Petrangelo, 858 Weibel Circle, Oakley, CA 94561
Jean Louise Petrangelo, 858 Weibel Circle, Oakley CA 94561
This business is conducted by Individuals Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 6, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 6, 1996
The Journal April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2104
The Name of the Business
Development Support Services, 2101 Oakvale Rd, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 P O Box 31662, Walnut Creek, CA 94598
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Karen Baldwin, 2101 Oakvale Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 29, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 29, 1996
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2014
The Name of the Business
Advantage Mortgage, 2655 Appian Way, Pinole, CA 94564
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Dale Thomas Darling, 2522 Carmelita Way, Pinole, CA 94564
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 26, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 26, 1996
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2138
The Name of the Business:
Omnitrade, Inc., 1641-B Sixth St., Concord, CA 94519-2801.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Oledan Enterprises, Inc., 1641-B Sixth St., Concord, CA 94519-2801
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 1, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 1, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2283
The Name of the Business
mtm, 240 Stockton Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
M.E. Modeling, Inc., a California Corporation, 240 Stockton Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 8, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2166
The Name of the Business:
Paradise Travel, 3597 Cardinal Drive, Concord, CA 94520.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Shaun Kenric Mihalla, 3597 Cardinal Drive, Concord, CA 94520
Mary Mihalla, 3597 Cardinal Drive, Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 2, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 2, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1907
The Name of the Business.
Tims Sales Service, 2650 Jones Rd., #16, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Timothy Ray Humann, 2650 Jones Rd., #16, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 21, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 21, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2418
The Name of the Business.
Real Estate Assistance Program/ REAP, 51 Moraga Way, Suite 1, Orinda, CA 94563
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Alice McHugh, P.O. Box 21366, Oakland, CA 94620-1366 5800 Balboa Drive, Oakland, CA 94611
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 12, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 12, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1865
The Name of the Business:
Sundance Travel Services, 7608 Valley Green Dr #202, Las Vegas, NV 89129
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Lawrence Trucano, 7608 Valley Green Dr #202, Las Vegas, NV 89129.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 19, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 19, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1835
The Name of the Business:
Prime Time Simulations, 209 Pacific, Rodeo, CA 94572
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
William M. Rapp, 633 Lake St., Rodeo, CA 94572
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 19, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 19, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2004
The Name of the Business.
Lacey's Pampered Pets, 210 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Lacey A Marion, 210 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 25, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 25, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2041
The Name of the Business:
Current Claims Services, 4424 Deerfield Dr., Antioch, CA 94509
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Jeremi K Rice, 4424 Deerfield Dr., Antioch, CA 94509
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 27, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 27, 1996
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2281
The Name of the Business.
Woodworks Construction & Design, 80 Lafayette Circle #4, Lafayette, CA 94549
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Peter Kyle, 80 Lafayette Circle #4, Lafayette, CA 94549
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 8, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 8, 1996
The Journal April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2076
The Name of the Business.
Emergent Dynamics, 7 Darnby Court, Orinda, 94563-4207
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Michael McElwee, 7 Darnby Court, Orinda, 94563-4207
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 28, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 28, 1996
The Journal April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2495
The Name of the Business:
Baxter Financial, 2623 Sonoma Way, Pinole, CA [redacted]
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Richard Marcellus Barnes, 2623 Sonoma Way, Pinole, CA 94564
Myrna Abigail Barnes, 2623 Sonoma Way Pinole CA 94564
This business is conducted by an Individuals-Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 16, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1996
The Journal April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2500
The Name of the Business
Russell Mark Group, 817 Lexington Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is hereby registered by the following owners
Susan Russell, 817 Lexington Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Mark Hobt, 817 Lexington Ave., El Cerrito, CA [redacted]
This business is conducted by an Individuals-husband and wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 16, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1996
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: FCL. NO 9179 On **MAY 16, 1996** at **9:00 AM** of said day **outside the Main Entrance to the Public Library, #2 Irwin Way**, in the City of **Orinda**, in the County of **Contra Costa**, State of California, **Queen Anne Investments**, as duly appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of **Richmond**, County of **Contra Costa**, State of California and described as follows: Common Address: **536 South 19th St. Richmond, Ca A.P.N 544-282-015** Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by NORMA McSHAN as trustors, dated **March 23, 1994** and recorded **April 13, 1994** as Document No **94 102525** in the office of the **Contra Costa** County Recorder The amount owing on the subject obligation is: Principal **$11,500.00** Interest **$770.99**; Late Charges **$43.15**; Advances $; Attorney's Fees $; Costs **$1,004.68**; Prepayment Penalty **$690 00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 23, 1994 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER** Dated: **April 17, 1996 QUEEN ANNE INVESTMENTS, AS TRUSTEE BY CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC AS AGENT**, *125 12TH STREET, SUITE 300, OAKLAND, CA 94607-4912 (510)444-3200 BY HERB LEIBOWITZ, VICE PRESIDENT* **C243417** 4-25, 5-2/9 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2472
The Name of the Business
Huey's Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 10520 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Lana Newman, 787 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Mark Newman, 787 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 15, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 15, 1996
The Journal April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 1996

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: FCL. NO 9285 On **Thursday, May 16, 1996** at **9:00 AM** of said day **outside the Main Entrance to the Public Library located at #2 Irwin Way**, in the City of **Orinda**, in the County of **Contra Costa**, State of California, **CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC.**, as duly appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of **Richmond**, County of **Contra Costa**, State of California and described as follows Common Address: **25 Harbor Way, Richmond, Ca A.P N 538-430-014** Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by THE PENECOSTAL WAY OF TRUTH CHURCH, A CORPORATION as trustors, dated **Oct. 26, 1976** and recorded **Nov. 3, 1976** as Document No. **127366 Book: 8076 Page: 170** in the office of the **Contra Costa** County Recorder. The amount owing on the subject obligation is: Principal **$24,753.20** Interest **$4,685.28**; Late Charges $; Advances **$237 00**; Attorney's Fees $; Costs **$973 00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED Oct. 26, 1976 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER** Dated: **April 18, 1996 CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC.**, *125 12TH STREET, SUITE 300, OAKLAND, CA 94607-4912 (510)444-3200 BY. HERB LEIBOWITZ, VICE PRESIDENT* **C243439** 4-25, 5-2/9 1996
The El Cerrito Journal April 25, May 2, 9, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2300
The Names of the Businesses.
1) Mad Maximum Process Serving, 2) Mad Dog Process Serving, 1722 Teakwood Dr., Martinez, CA 94553
Are hereby registered by the following owner:
Anthony D. Logan, 1722 Teakwood Dr, Martinez, CA 94553
These businesses are conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on April 8, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 8, 1996
The Journal April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1793
The Name of the Business
Fabulous Finishes, 65 Shore Road, Bay Point, CA 94565
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Dawn Keehn, 65 Shore Road, Bay Point, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 13, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 18, 1996
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1760
The Name of the Business:
Concord Computer Solutions, 2745 Concord Blvd #5, Concord, CA 94519
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Richard M. Moxley, 2745 Concord Blvd #5. Concord, CA 94519
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 15, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 15, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1766
The Name of the Business
The Peterson Group, 3 Moraine Court, Hercules, CA 94547.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Judith A. Peterson, 3 Marine Court, Hercules, CA 94547
Daniel R Peterson, 3 Moraine Court, Hercules, CA 94547
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed

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above in April of 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 15, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1725
The Name of the Business:
Hallo's, 320 N. Civic Drive #504, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-3610.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Joy Lynn Supplee, 320 N. Civic Drive #504, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 14, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 14, 1996
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2059
The Name of the Business:
Asia Bazaar, 3672 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Herman Singh, 23 Red Arrow Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Kirandeep Kaur, 23 Red Arrow Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 28, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 26, 1996
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
In The Matter of The Application of:
BRANDON PYLAND, a minor
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number C96-01391

THE COURT FINDS that Petitioner URSULA GRIMM has filed a Petition for Change of Name with the clerk of this court for an order changing Applicant's name from BRANDON PYLAND to BRANDON GRIMM.
THE COURT ORDERS: a. All people interested in this matter appear before this court to show cause why this application for change of name should not be granted on: Hearing Date: May 13, 1996 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept. 50, Room B001 located at 725 Court St., P. O. Box 911, Martinez, CA 94553.
b. A copy of this order to show cause be published once a week for four successive weeks prior to the day of said hearing in THE EL CERRITO JOURNAL, a newspaper of general circulation printed in the County of Contra Costa.
Dated: March 29, 1996
Judith A. Sanders, Pro Tempore
Judge of the Superior Court
The El Cerrito Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1624
The Name of the Business:
Golden Enterprises, 3350 Northwood Drive, Suite D, Concord, CA 94520.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
D. Scott Harrison, 3350 D, Northwood, Dr., Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 11, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 11, 1996
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1996
The Name of the Business:
All Children Are Jewels Day Care, 1373 Cape Cod Way, Concord, CA 94521.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Julie-Ann Johnson, 1373 Cape Cod Way, Concord, CA 94521.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 25, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 25, 1996.
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1976
The Name of the Business.
Big Sky Studio and Gallery, 961 C Moraga Road, P.O. Box 566, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Lisa Ann Daniels, 34 Valley View Dr., Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 25, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 25, 1996
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-2182
The Name of the Business:
Welfare State, 400 Fremerey Court, Danville, CA 94506
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Harold D. Stoner, 400 Fremerey Court, Danville, CA 94506.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 2, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 2, 1996.
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1751
The Name of the Business:
Quality Window Systems, 585 Discovery Bay Blvd., Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Steven Brent Honnold, 585 Discovery Bay Blvd., Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 14, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 14, 1996
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1738
The Name of the Business:
Parkside Guest Home, 1623 Deardoff Ln., Concord, CA 94519.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Karma Mills, 3812 Cottonwood Dr., Danville, CA 94506
This Business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 14, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 14, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1781
The Name of the Business:
Jiffy Print, 408 Hartz Ave., Danville, CA 94526
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Roanld Wallace Mason, 1513 Ridgewood Drive, Martinez, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 18, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1691
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Great Circle 2) Great Circle Information Services 3) Museum of the Sierra Nevada, 6 Via San Inigo, Orinda, CA 94563.
Are hereby registered by the following owner:
Daniel O. Holmes, 6 Via San Inigo, Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1706
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Allen Associates 2) Allen Associates Joint Ventures 3) Byron Inn Cafe, 16141 Byron Highway, Byron CA 94514.
Are hereby registered by the following owners:
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Sherly A. Kulling, 2240 Colonial Ct., Byron, CA 94514.
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business



The Wine File

ALAN GOLDFARB

Michael Perry: The winegrowers' man

Occasionally some of Michael Perry's words are lost as his car finds its way from Martinez to his home in Hayward one late afternoon a couple of weeks ago. But he gets his point across clearly and effectively. An off-the-cuff interview over the cellphone turns from a profile of the newly named first executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, to a philosophical discussion regarding the virtues of the wine region for which he's been chosen to head.

Steadfastly, the 43-year-old Perry, who left *Wente Brothers* for the LVWA after working for the Valley's largest winery for 15 years, is unbridled in his belief that the Valley's 15 wineries and 17 growers are poised to take their position in one of California's oldest but overlooked wine growing areas.

"I've always been excited about the potential for this area if we got serious about it," says Perry. "With the development of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan (legislation that would preserve vineyards) and its evolution to its actual completion and implementation, that period was very important.

"It sent a message: We're here to stay and we're going to continue to grow and improve and have a good time doing it."

Perry believes that at long last, the vintners of the region are beginning to take themselves more seriously, although he prefers the word "focused." "They're 100 percent believing now that this is reality," he opines. "There were some tough years. We weren't quite sure if this was going to continue or not.

Perry says that since the SLVAP was voted in two years ago, which thus far has shown less than palpable change, a new climate has emerged.

"Because coming from where we came from, was quite a battle," he continues. "There were a lot of naysayers out there. There still are ..."

Any discussion hinting at a negative image that the Valley may be suffering by the so-called "naysayers", Perry handles deftly, and as one would expect with any head of an organization, turns the discussion away by offering positive images.

"I think the wine quality is very good and comparable to anyplace else I've been," he says. "I'd leave it at that...I think technically our winemakers are very good and I stand by our product.

"...There are always naysayers everywhere," he continues. "You're not going to make believers out of everyone...I don't know who the (the naysayers) are specifically, but it really isn't that important."

Perry addresses a possible schism that exists between some small vintners and Wente Bros., the latter of which has been the locus in this Valley since the last century.

Some small growers will be forever grateful to the Wentes for their help and support throughout the years. They realize that without the Wentes, there probably wouldn't be a wine growing region here. But have some have reached a stage where they may be mature enough to head in directions where heretofore, they had been reliant on the largest vintner in the valley. Are the children ready to leave the nest of the parent and head out on their own?

"The Wentes have been a tremendous resource. But each individual winery has matured at its own pace," Perry says. "If wineries feel they can handle their business operations by themselves, that's great.

"We have 15 wineries and Wente is one of them. It happens to be one which has a great deal of resources that they can bring to bear if wineries want to take advantage of them," he continues. "If not, then that's perfectly OK. I've seen a lot of our wineries mature in the last few years and have been very proud for the growth they've had. If they think they're ready to tackle things by themselves, more power to them.

Finally, Perry offers his philosophy regarding the Valley's future, which has been uttered many times recently by many wine people in the region, which has become sort of a mantra:

"More and more people are discovering the Livermore Valley for what it is," Perry offers. "It's an area which can produce wines of very high quality. It offers an environment that is maybe more reminiscent of wine areas of the past. It's not quite as hectic as some. (It's) a region that offers personal contact with wine principals. It has a warm, friendly feeling. More people are going to hear about us. The future is very bright for us — as long as we stay focused."

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1745
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Pigs Fly Pet Products 2) Your Business Assistant, 161 Oakridge Drive, Danville, CA 94506.
Are hereby registered by the following owner:
Veterinary Safety Svcs, Inc., California.
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on March 14, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 14, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1885
The Names of the Businesses:
1) New Homes Only 2) New Home Sales, 381 Hartz Ave., Suite C, Danville, CA 94526. P.O. Box 184, Danville, CA 94526.
Are hereby registered by the following owners:
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Michael F. Orlando, 536 Whiting St. #16, Grass Valley, CA 95945
This business is conducted by a joint agreement
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 20, 1996.
The Journal April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-1989
The Name of the Business:
C.-Chow Lee & Associates, 5100-1B Clayton Rd., Box 285, Concord, CA 94521.
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Chee-Chow Lee, 1026 Pinehurst Ct., Concord, CA 94521
This Business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 22, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 22, 1996.
The Journal April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1940
The Name of the Business:
The Book Company, 160 Hanson Ct. #3, Martinez, CA 94553
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Charles P. Ulbrich, 160 Hanson Ct. #3, Martinez, CA 94553
This Business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 21, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-1813
The Name of the Business:
Get-Away Travel, 1940 Sunshine Dr., Suite B, Concord, CA 94520.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Mary Beth Dotzler, 1940 Sunshine Dr., Concord, CA 94520
Jeffrey Dotzler, 1940 Sunshine Dr., Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2190
The Name of the Business:
As You Like It Catering, 2324 Bundros Ct., Martinez, 94553
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
David Tendick, 2324 Bundros Ct., Martinez, 94553.
Suzanne Tendick, 2324 Bundros Ct., Martinez, 94553.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 3, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 3, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2135
The Name of the Business:
Angel's Way, 2685 Oak Rd., #252, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following owners:
Barry Stokey, 2685 Oak Rd., #252, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Angel Stokey, 2685 Oak Rd., #252, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 1, 1996.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 1, 1996.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 96-2217
The Name of the Business:
Computer Shooter, 1866 Verne Roberts Circle, Antioch, CA 94509
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Kathleen Ann Frederickson, 4054 Folsom Drive, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in 1990
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 4, 1996
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Biologist to speak on conflicts in scienc

KENSINGTON — On Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. internationally-known biologist Eugenie C. Scott will address the issue of conflict between pseudoscience and science now being fought in public schools. Dr. Scott will expose the challenges to and attacks on science education coming from many directions — educational, legal, scientific, and/or local.

The event will be the final Background Briefing of the current series at First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road in Kensington.

Dr. Scott, who holds a Ph.D. in physical anthropology, has served as chair of the Ethics Committee of the American Anthropological Association, and is recognized as a leading proponent of church/state separation. Scott has appeared on "Geraldo," "Crossfire," "Headlines on Trial," "Native America Calling," "Morning Edition," "The Pat Buchanan Show," and "All Things Considered." She was featured in the Nova program, "In the Beginning: The Creationist Controversy." Scott is listed in Who's Who in Science and Engineering.

Scott is frequently called upon by the news media as a spokesperson for the scientific view in schools and other institutions subjected to claims of pseudoscientific interests. The program will be moderated by Joel Fort, ethicist, Professor Criminal Justice, Cal State-Sacramento, and UC Extension.

There is no admission, and all are welcome to attend.

County offers tobacco prevention grant

Young people, parents and community groups that want to do something in Contra Costa County to reduce the impact of tobacco on their lives can take advantage of a small grant program to launch some grass roots prevention and education activities.

The Contra Costa County Tobacco Prevention Project has grants of up to $500 available to groups that want to "take back" their communities from the tobacco industry by purchasing educational material, attending conferences or purchasing supplies for making t-shirts, posters or other projects. There is no deadline for applying.

"This is an ideal time for communities to get involved in these projects," said Galen Ellis, director of the Tobacco Prevention Project, which is funded with Prop. 99, tobacco tax funds.

"Each day we hear news about how the tobacco industry is manipulating consumers and targetting young people to be the next generation of smokers. This is an opportunity for parents, youth and others to fight back," Ellis said.

Ellis said her project was once able to provide much more significant grants from Prop. 99 funds, before the legislature diverted tobacco prevention and education funds to other programs not mandated by voters. The project funding was slashed last summer by 45 percent, but Ellis said she is hopeful new legislation will provide badly needed funds.

"We are locked in a battle [with] the tobacco industry literally the lives of our children," Ellis said, adding that youth smoking is at almost 11 percent, up 28 percent, while adult smoking has declined 43 percent since Prop. 99 was approved by voters.

The small grants program is a good way, according to her, for communities to get involved in reducing the impact of tobacco on communities. For application and information, call 313-[illegible].

Art

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Hershell West. The El Cerrito artists first met last fall in connection with the West Contra Costa Art Alliance. The three then began to meet on a regular basis at the Art Cafe in El Cerrito to discuss their professional goals and ideas for increasing arts awareness in El Cerrito and the larger West County area.

Plans for an open studios tour developed as a way for the West County public to meet local artists and to bring a higher profile to the arts in the West County area. Over 40 potters, painters, sculptors and other artists and craftspeople have signed up to participate. The organizers hope to make the West County Open Studios an annual event.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Richmond Art Center is located in Civic Center Plaza at 2540 Barrett Ave. For more information, call the Richmond Art Center at 620-6772. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4:30 p.m. Richmond Art Center is wheelchair-accessible.

Richmond Art Center is a member-supported, privately funded arts organization receiving major grants from the Bechtel Corp., Berlex Biosciences, California Arts Council, California Casualty Croup, Chevron USA, Contra Costa Electric, East Bay Community Foundation, The Charitable Foundation, Walter Elise Haas Fund, Hilltop Shopping Center, Jacobs Engineering Group, The James Irvine Foundation, J.T. Thorpe Corp., Foundation, Mechanics Bank, National Endowment for the Arts, Overaa Construction Company Richmond Blueprint Litho Co., San Francisco Foundation and the City of Richmond.

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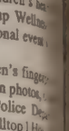
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BUSINESS FOCUS

JERILYN FEITELBER

Let's get as many bear puns out of the way as possible. So as not to bear you completely, I will personally bear the burden of writing this article in such a way as to prevent it from becoming unbearably boring. I mean boring. I can't bear this anymore. Let's get on with it.

There exists in Berkeley a unique and charming shop called Bears & Baubles. Its owner, Georgia Carlson, began by making bears from kits for her grandchildren and moved on to design and sew her own. Many of them are in this shop, in addition to the most lifelike stuffed animals and bears produced by others. No matter what your age category you are bound to be intrigued by this delightful place. Especially fascinating is Georgia's superlative Muffy VanderBear selection, a product of the Chicago based North American Bear Company. Muffy is the youngest of the VanderBear family which includes her dad, Cornelius, mother, Alice and twin brother and sister, Fuzzy and Fluffy.

Muffy has her own line of clothing for all occasions as well as other objects important to the elite world which she inhabits. For instance, the Boudoir Collection contains items such as closet accessories, hat boxes, robes and other items no self respecting bear could be without. Beachwear, miniature toys for the family to play with and specially designed furniture items available for the multifaceted and multitalented Muffy Vanderbear.

Mark your calendars! On April 27, Muffy VanderBear will make a personal appearance at Bears & Baubles to celebrate EVERYONE'S birthday. Attired in her newest taffeta dress for the occasion, Muffy will pose for pictures with her fans and show off her unbearably (whoops, I slipped) adorable new collection of clothing and accessories. There will be drawings throughout the day, and adults and children of all ages are urged to attend and dress as [illegible] favorite Muffy for a chance to [illegible] a prize. Muffy's [illegible] representative, Tom [illegible] there as well to assist [illegible] answering all your [illegible] Come and see [illegible] VanderBear family, but [illegible] distinctive and [illegible] collectible items at the fun [illegible]

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The Mechanics Bank has two offices in central El Cerrito. Pat Malailua (also serving this year as the president of the board of directors for the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce) is manager of the El Cerrito Plaza office. A second office, at the corner of San Pablo and Fairmount Avenues, is managed by Bill Morrow. Both branches are active in El Cerrito.

A "giant tent" in the Plaza parking lot will mark the next community event co-sponsored and co-funded by The Mechanics Bank, along with El Cerrito Plaza, Richmond Sanitary Service, and the West County Times.

"Home Fair 1996" invites you to "discover East Bay living" on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Look for real estate information, fun and prizes at the event, which is free to the public. It is directed and produced by the West Contra Costa & Berkeley Association of Realtors.

Recently, the bank took on a new activity, sponsoring the First Annual Easter Coloring Contest for the community's children.

Winners in the 4-5 age group were: Megan Mayer, first place; Kathryn E. Rabak, second place; and Samantha Carr, third place.

In the 6-7 age group, winners were Maria Sal DeForrest, first place; Garrett Chin, second place, and Kelsey Bethel, third place.

Maryam Sharifzadeh took first place for ages 8-9. Sarah Lim took second place and Yasmine Malboubi, third.

Winning entries are on display throughout the month of April at the head office of the bank at 3170 Hilltop Mall Road, Richmond.

"Thank you to all the children who participated," says Pat. "Your pictures were all wonderful."

The bank is also indirectly supporting the community's children through supporting its teachers. When she learned that Albany High School teacher Ed Hill had use for a ScreenPhone, Pat arranged for the bank to donate one to Ed, who'd just been voted Albany's Teacher of the Year.

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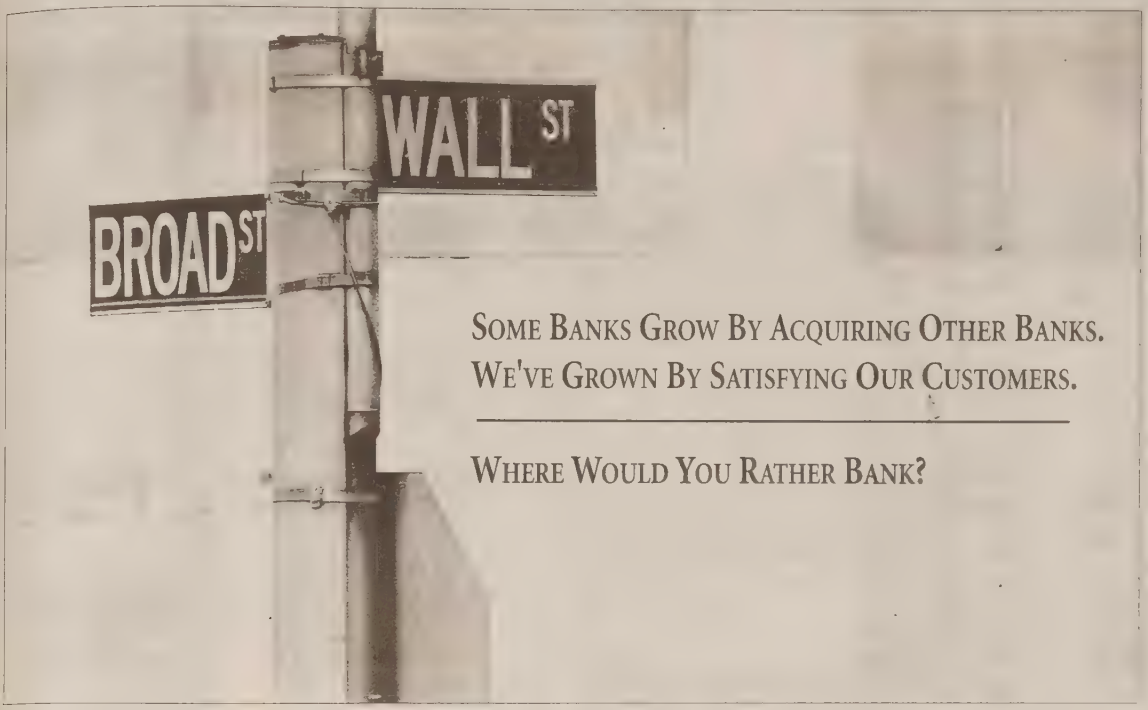
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For years, it's been one of the highest priorities for residents of El Cerrito – and one of the first questions they raise when discussing the future of the city: What are we going to do about El Cerrito Plaza?

Long-time residents remember when now-empty store fronts were full and the center was buzzing with activity (much as it does now on Tuesday morning Farmers Market days). More recent members of the community can envision some exciting possibilities for the center, from creekside cafes to a theatre or a town plaza that might serve as a community gathering place.

Community and city council interest, the closing of the Emporium, the desire of Lucky to expand its site, the formation of a grassroots group interested in creating a "sustainable," people-friendly El Cerrito, and general retail trends seem to have converged in recent months. In March, the city council authorized a contract for consultant work related to a community planning process for not only the Plaza but its surrounding environs, an area now commonly referred to as the South Gateway Development Area (SGDA).

The purpose of the community planning process is to involve interested citizens in the creation of a concept plan and development strategy for the SGDA, including the potential revitalization of the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center.

The hired consultant, Race Studio, hopes its planning approach will tie directly into a pro-active marketing of the area. The approach is based on four premises:

- The planning effort should initiate the marketing process.
- Local property owners, citizens and policymakers critical to the development's success should be involved and take ownership of the planning results.
- The plan for the SGDA should provide a flexible framework capable of supporting an identifiable range of market opportunities.
- The planning project package should include marketing materials.

The consultant also intends to initiate the recruiting of anchor tenants critical to successful realization of the SGDA environment, to provide strategies for integrated site development (many citizens and city officials envision a good symbiotic relationship between the various elements), and to outline a plan of action for public and private sector participation.

Before the city began the workshop process facilitated by Race Studio, a community meeting was held to explore "what the market would realistically support," said community and administrative services manager Jim Randall. A panel of resource persons, including a realtor, an economist and a developer presented some factual information before community members in attendance began some initial brainstorming about "what we'd like to see," he said.

"We wanted to help people understand what is realistic in that market so our ideas would be grounded in the real (situation)."

Race Studio's approach stresses interaction with citizens, property owners and tenants. The interactive process, which is already underway, included a workshop "where the participants formulate alternatives rather than having alternatives handed to them," an approach Race Studio has used in the city of San Pablo and other communities.

In establishing a site development program a consultant planned to incorporate public input. After two community meetings, the planning team expected to present two alternatives at an April 22 meeting for development, taking into account the available sites, market opportunities, the community's desires and other development issues. The alternatives were to be compared to design principles established in previous workshops, with participants selecting preferred elements to develop a consensus plan.

In addition to the community workshops, tenants and other interested parties

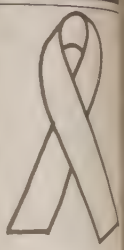
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Susan Scales knew El Cerrito Royale was the place for her."The first time I saw it," she says, "I tried it, and I liked it."

In July, she will have lived at El Cerrito Royale four years. Susan does much more than just live at El Cerrito Royale, she has become actively involved in the community.

"While recovering from a hip replacement operation, I thought it was time to move to an easier lifestyle," she says. "One of my neighbors said, 'Why don't I look around for you?' She checked out the El Cerrito Royale and thought it would be perfect for me. I visited myself and thought so, too."

It always takes some adjustment to make a change in your style of living. Susan has a positive attitude toward life and a forward-thinking philosophy.

"You make your own happiness," she says. "At first, you always think about what you're giving up, but then you stop and think about it and realize what you're getting. Instead of losing something, you've gained something more.

"I don't have to shop, my meals are made for me (I have a kitchenette in my room, but I haven't even used it yet!), I have a wonderful housekeeper who comes to my room every day, there is a beauty parlor right here at El Cerrito Royale, and the van, which takes us to doctor's appointments and on outings. I have gained so much more, and the staff couldn't be nicer.

"I have always enjoyed being independent and on my own, at El Cerrito Royale I still enjoy my independence."

Susan grew up in Berkeley and has friends from all over the East Bay, friends she's able to keep up with from her El Cerrito location. She is a retired registered nurse from the neonatal unit at Alta Bates Hospital.

One of the best things for Susan is that she's been able to keep her old friends while making many new ones at El Cerrito Royale. She knows a lot about friendships. For years she has kept up with her old high school friends from Presentation High School. They all graduated in 1933 and will celebrate their 63rd reunion this May. ("We've been best friends all these years," she says.) She also meets with her old nurses' training friends two or three times a year.

Susan even has her friends over for meals, hosting dinner parties in the El Cerrito Royale private dining room.

El Cerrito Royale is the perfect place for keeping old friends and making new. Everything about the building design is oriented toward promoting socialization and the building of friendships. Sitting rooms on each floor are luxuriously furnished with all the little details that show real caring: flowers in baskets fronting the fireplace, televisions housed in attractive entertainment centers, beautifully upholstered sofas and chairs, and elegant brass chandeliers. Sitting areas in the halls – with lovely, circular windows – take advantage of the sunlight and make inviting conversation areas.

Susan enjoys being

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Catered Living Caters to Special Needs

"The Assisted Living services at El Cerrito Royale have always been designed to promote the dignity and independence of each resident,' says Paula Loucks, administrator of El Cerrito Royale. "As our residents have needed it, we have provided bathing assistance and medication monitoring, but as time has gone by, we've realized that there is much more personal care we can provide for our residents to help them age in place."

Catered Living is a new service at El Cerrito Royale that assigns personal care aids to elders who need additional assistance with dressing, getting to meals or preparing for bed. It is a step beyond traditional Assisted Living.

"Catered Living costs between $6 and $20 a day, depending on the type of service needed," says Paula. "That cost is in addition to the already affordable rental rates. You can't hire an outside agency for that, plus residents have the security of knowing the aides are part of our caring staff."

Individual needs vary from a simple wake-up call every morning to assistance for someone needing incontinence care, shaving for the men to laying out and sorting clothing for the laundry.

"The idea is to be able to have seniors live here in the comfort of their own home as long as possible.

"For someone who is frail or somewhat confused, it is a big boost just a few more helping hands to keep them out of the convalescent home," Paula says of the new service.

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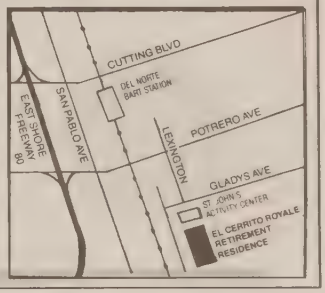
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John and Nora started out 1996 by attending the yearly flooring market show, Surfaces 96, in Las Vegas. At the market, they reviewed many of the new products now available and chose several to introduce to the store. The new flooring and carpeting products they are adding to their inventory are those they believe will best meet their customers' needs.

Among the new products are marble and granite tiles.

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For a very different look, consider bamboo flooring. Bamboard, as it is called, is a very natural, durable flooring product. It is more water-resistant than hardwood flooring and also resists flame, mildew and vermin. Another advantage is that bamboo is an ecologically sound product; a bamboo grove will fully rejuvenate itself within five years of cutting.

"We've also added ready-made window valances, and we have wallpaper borders to match," says John. "The valances are a great addition to our vertical mini-blind, pleated and wood shade selection. They really dress up a room."

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House of Carpets is a state-licensed flooring contractor. The Rhodes offer hundreds of choices in carpeting, vinyl and hardwood flooring. They employ their own full-time, professionally trained installers and warranty their work.

"If there's ever a problem, we stand behind our name," says John.

A number of do-it-yourself flooring products are also available.

"We're happy to answer your questions or loan you video tapes to get you started," he says.

The couple's attitude, professionalism and expertise have drawn in customers from all over northern California – San Rafael, Mill Valley, Bodega Bay, Placerville, Lake Berryessa – and have drawn back many repeat and second-generation customers. Nora says both older homeowners and younger couples just starting out with a new house to furnish and make their own are taking advantage of what the store has to offer.

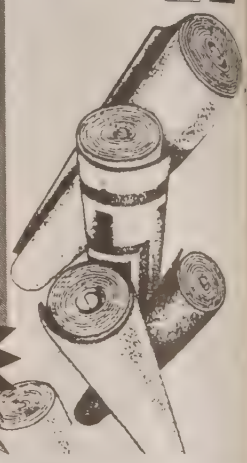
Says John, "When a customer comes into House of Carpets, we feel it's our job to help that customer select the best-wearing product for his or her money.

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You may not spend much time thinking about your feet if they're getting you where you need to go. But proper foot care can contribute to a healthier, more energetic life. It's worth the small amount of time and attention it takes to develop good health habits, whether you're shopping for the right shoes or protecting yourself from disease.

"When your feet are not functioning properly, it can lead to knee and lower back pain, as well as several other problems," say Dr. Shirley A Addes and Dr. Darlene J. Fahmie of Fairmount Podiatry Group. "You can think of your body as a pyramid. The feet are the foundation for the ankles, knees, hips, and back."

A good first step might be the free screening and consultation the doctors are now offering to those who'd like an evaluation of their feet. Those with specific problems or symptoms – bunions, hammertoes, shoes that are wearing out unevenly (indicating some type of imbalance), or lower back pain – would be especially wise to take advantage of the opportunity.

Dr. Addes and Dr. Fahmie also have some sound advice on buying proper footwear. They recommend that you:

• Always buy the proper shoes for the type of activity you have planned. "That's why special shoes are designed for each sport," says Dr. Fahmie. "They're constructed to accomodate the way your feet will move. Don't try playing basketball in your walking shoes."

• Have your feet measured when you buy a new pair of shoes; feet do widen with age.

• Shop for shoes at the end of the day. The feet are largest late in the day due to slight swelling, especially with people who are susceptible to edema.

• Avoid high heels and pointed shoes if possible. "Pointed shoes contribute to the formation of bunions and hammertoes," Dr. Addes says. "You're better off with shoes rounded at the toes." High heels can change the curvature of the lower spine, often leading to lower back pain. It's best to look for shoes with heels that don't exceed 1-1/2 inches in height.

• Try on both shoes; the feet can be different sizes. If so, fit shoes to your larger foot. Shoes should allow approximately half-inch from the longest toe to the end of the shoe when standing.

• Don't trust a shoe salesman's statement that shoes will stretch with wear. Leather and canvas shoes breathe well and may have some stretch (as opposed to patent leather). Shoes should fit properly and comfortably from the beginning.

Check out the sizes of the shoes you are now wearing with a simple test. Step down on paper and trace around your bare foot. Then trace around your shoe, and place one tracing on top of the other. You'll be able to see if your shoes really fit, or if you've simply been "squishing your foot" into a shoe that's too small.

Both doctors agree that, "if you're shoes don't fit well, it can cause and aggravate other problems."

As for general health, the doctors suggest strongly that thongs be worn in public showers and swimming areas in order to avoid athlete's foot or the wart virus. Fairmount Podiatry Group offers a full range of podiatric services, from sports medicine to routine foot care: treatment of corns and calluses, ingrown and thick toenails.

Specialized care for diabetic foot problems as well as preventative nail care is also available. Diabetic individuals must pay careful attention to the health of their feet; circulation problems and numbness are two main areas for concern, as is infection after an injury. Untreated sores and infections may lead to an ulcer, gangrene, and in some cases, even amputation.

"We perform physical therapy ourselves," says Dr. Fahmie. "Often patients are referred elsewhere for such services, but we have them available on our premises." Electrical stimulation, ultrasound, hydrotherapy and manipulation are among the physical therapy techniques used.

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Drs. Addes and Fahmie studied at the California College of Podiatric Medicine for four years following their four-year undergraduate work. They also each had one year of residency before becoming partners in El Cerrito.

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The dining room/ dinette business is rapidly changing, says David Kiefer of Kiefer's Furniture. For 58 years, his family has kept abreast of furniture trends and the best sources for quality furniture and furnishings, in order to best serve their customers, some of whom are now third-generation Kiefer's shoppers.

"We'll be happy to explain to customers the changes within the business," says David, who likes to "talk shop." He and his father Harry, as well as other staff members, are also happy to discuss with customers which choices will best meet their specific needs.

"People don't seem to be placing the emphasis on formal dining rooms that they once did," says David. "Also, because of the world's economy, many of the dining room/ dinette sets now available are coming from other countries. They're real wood and a very good value."

The shop has been doing quite well, for example, with "high quality and low cost" hardwood sets from Malaysia and China.

"They fall into styles that are quite popular today – with more of a traditional flavor," he says.

A painted green finish, for example, has a traditional, "natural" look and is quite popular. Sets with inlaid tile tops are also growing in popularity and availability, with their somewhat exotic flavor.

In the past, says David, those furnishing their homes tended to put more money into dining room furniture. Now there's less of an interest, and people tend to concentrate their shopping dollars in other areas of the home. It's a national trend, he says.

As a result of changing interest, formal dining room tables and chairs are more difficult to find in an affordable price range, though Kiefer's still seeks out reasonably priced and practical formal sets.

"I will be honest with a customer," says David. "Some of the better formal dining room tables and chairs cost several thousand dollars. We just don't carry sets for $3,500."

But eating habits have changed. Families tend not to eat sit-down meals together on an day-in, day-out basis. Entertainment is less formal. Customers are finding that smaller sets meet most of their needs.

Many customers use a breakfast bar for everyday eating, a larger dining room set for larger gatherings. On the other hand, he says, "around here, many people have older homes without breakfast bars. They have to do something else.

"I strive to find smaller-sized tables and chairs for the smaller dining areas found in local homes."

David searches out tables in the 30" to 36" size in particular. He finds they fit very well in local homes and can meet a variety of needs. He also continues to carry high pressure laminate tops (often known by the "Formica" brand name) for mature customers who are "sold" on the tables they've appreciated in the kitchen over the years.

Because Broyhill is an older company, for example, "they still have the equipment to make that table top," says David. "One model can be used for a formal dining room but is still small enough to fit in some kitchens. That is one option."

Younger customers tend to appreciate wood, he says.

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With any of his tables, formica-topped, tile covered, or hard wood, David is willing to ... time with his ... discussing the various benefits and disadvantages of each, including factors of wearability.

"I enjoy talking to customers about tables because there have ... many choices," he says. David tries to specialize ... what customers really need, even if it means searching out items a bit out of the trend. Kiefer's is one of the few stores that still carries drop-leaf tables for example. They're a good solution to "the space problems most people around here have in their homes." He tries to have more than one type of drop-leaf table available.

On the other hand, says David, "very few customers have service problems with the tables they purchase."

His advice to customers who are buying a dining room or kitchen set?

"Look especially carefully at the chairs."

You'll be sitting in them for many years, and you'll want something comfortable and long-lasting.

In all its inventory, the Kiefers take great pride in offering their customers attractive, functional and dependable furniture that will last for many years.

In addition, says David, "we try to carry the lowest priced items we can, as long as we are confident they will stand the test of time."

From beds and mattresses to lamps, china cabinets to Lane chests, the store has built up a solid reputation as the best local source for mid-price range quality furniture since 1943. Shoppers at Kiefer's know they're getting first-rate goods for their home-furnishing dollars.

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"We have a large selection of fine jewelry items that we're proud to offer at wholesale prices to the public," says Tony Wise, who co-owns the store with his dad, Ralph Wise. "Recently we've had a big influx of customers buying wedding rings and other major pieces. They've often visited the major jewelry sources first and have found many sets in excess of $1,000. They come to us and can find beautiful sets at half the cost."

Tony gives a dramatic example that occurred recently.

"A woman had purchased a white gold solitaire ring, .80 carats, for $2,075. We had the same ring at $800.

"Even dealers come to our store, buy jewelry items, then mark them up for resale in their own shops," he says.

Ralph's motto has always been, 'Shop me last.'

"In jewelry, we have the lowest prices anywhere," he says. "When you come in the door, you'll know you can't beat the prices anywhere else."

Pawnbrokers have sometimes gotten a bad reputation in the past.

"It's caused people to ignore the excellent prices that are available on merchandise in pawn shops," says Ralph.

Stop by Granter's Jewelry and Loan just once and you'll discover the the eclectic mix of items that makes it such a fun place to shop on a regular basis: the inventory is always changing, there's always something available that's just a bit different, like the two beautiful men's nugget watches now in stock.

"Right now, we have a beautiful, solid wood, handpainted carousel horse in the window," says Tony. "We think it dates to the 1930s. We have a Mills slot machine, old U.S. gold and silver coins, Chinese netsukes, and a large selection of instruments _ clarinets, flutes, guitars, even bongo drums."

Granter's no longer carries firearms but still has many collectible knives available in its inventory, which ranges from Chinese wall screens to VCRs and camcorders, porcelain Canton rose vases to gold nuggets.

The shop also carries Sega Genesis, Game Gear and Super NES game cartridges, all at bargain prices.

The downside to doing a booming business at a pawn shop is that the inventory begins to thin out from time to time, especially since shoppers have discovered it as a great holiday shopping resource. Ralph and Tony are always ready to purchase new items, a win-win situation for anyone who'd like a little extra cash.

"Why let old jewelry sit in a drawer collecting dust?" asks Ralph. "It doesn't do any good sitting there. You can turn it into cash and buy something you can really use."

It may also be time to pass on the video game that didn't quite capture your interest or the instrument you never did learn to play.

A pawn shop offers straight-forward business deals that allow people access to cash when they most need it. Says Ralph, "it's the poor man's Mastercharge." It can also be the perfect incentive to do some spring cleaning and bring in a little extra spending money.

The individual customer who brings in merchandise can either sell it outright or put it up for collateral on a loan. The customer has four months to redeem the item put up for collateral, paying the principal and a small interest charge on the loan.

"Lots of people bring in broken jewelry," says Tony. "We buy both broken and fine jewelry – and we pay top dollar cash for it."

"If you have broken chains, old gold or coins lying around, why not bring them in to turn them into cash?" adds Ralph. "We offer the highest prices paid."

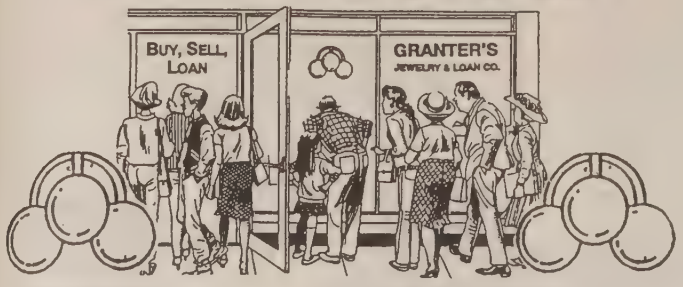
Granter's Jewelry and Loan has always been a family business, serving the El Cerrito community since the late 1940s. Ralph and Tony, lifetime residents of El Cerrito, are enjoying their fourth year with the business.

Ralph served the city of El Cerrito as a police officer for 13 years, retiring from the force in 1980. After that, he ran the Harbor Bay Island security department, then decided to try something completely different. Through friends, he'd always had an interest in the pawnbroking business.

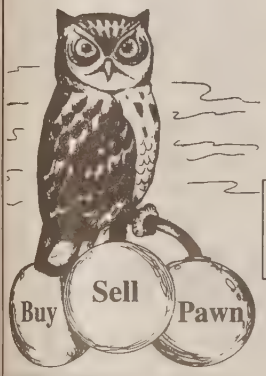
"Owning a pawn shop is the second oldest profession in the world," says Ralph, who likes to remind people of the important part played by one long-forgotten pawn broker in the discovery of America.

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At the Good Stuff Thrift Shop, you can find wonderful buys in clothing, small appliances and household furnishings, while at the same time contributing to an organization long devoted to meeting an important community need.

When it opened last October, the El Cerrito shop joined the ARC Thrift Shop in Concord as a major contributor to The Contra Costa Association for Retarded Citizens. The Contra Costa ARC is a private, non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

The Contra Costa ARC accomplishes its purpose in two ways: advocating for individuals with developmental disabilities and providing direct services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Contra Costa County.

The organization was formed in 1965 through the merger of small parent groups whose members became the original members of the new group. Today, parents, family members and friends of children and adults with developmental disabilities join with other concerned citizen volunteers to support all levels of the agency's work: from long range planning to fundraising to advocating for needed legislation.

"Our membership is the 'voice' of children and adults with developmental disabilities, regardless of their race, religion or economic level," say members.

The Contra Costa ARC hopes that voice will be heard strongly in the East Bay in part through its new El Cerrito thrift shop.

The new store is off to a great start, according to Betty Jo DuBois, program director and acting store manager.

"Response from the community has been very enthusiastic and supportive," says Betty Jo. "We want the store to be a fun place for our customers to shop and a fun place for our volunteers to work."

To meet that end, volunteers work to make the shop a "good neighbor" business, offering quality merchandise at affordable prices (including special sales), taking the time to get to know customers, giving personal assistance as visitors select their purchases.

Holiday themes also contribute to the attractive atmosphere. Customers sometimes stop to chat or to bring by neighborly gifts, whether home-baked bagels or fresh-cut flowers.

The success of the agency's thrift shops is vital to its work as government funding continues to shrink and funds from other sources, like the United Way of the Bay Area, also become less available. The thrift shop is also important because it will allow developmentally disabled adults a place to train and work.

Look for quality resale items at the Good Stuff Thrift Shop – furniture, small appliances, dishes, clothing, jewelry and general merchandise items. Besides shopping the store, you can also make a significant contribution to enhancing the life of another person through donating items in good condition for resale or in volunteering a few hours of your own time to the shop.

Store hours at the El Cerrito store are: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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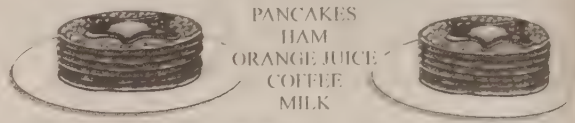
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Since 1946, when you say Hardware, people think Pastime. But long-time residents of El Cerrito and surrounding cities may have noticed a significant change at one of their favorite retail stores. Gone is Pastime Hardware's familiar Nut and Bolt logo, long synonymous with one of the East Bay's finest hardware stores.

The attractive, state-of-the-art Pastime Ace Hardware logo that's taken its place, along with new signs in the front and back of the store, convey information even some longtime customers may not have realized.

"Ace didn't buy out the Pryde family," says Jeff Pryde, third generation store manager and buyer. "We have been an Ace Hardware store since the late sixties. We have always purchased from Ace and have utilized their buying strengths to get the best merchandise at the best prices for our customers.

"Now, we're beginning to tap into ACE's advertising strength; it's a well-known and well-respected name."

"We're somewhat saddened to see the old logo go, but we decided we just couldn't miss out on the strength and outstanding image represented by the Ace Hardware name," adds Dan Pryde, also a third generation store manager and buyer.

The new facades are not the only changes at Pastime. There are ACE photomurals on the walls, ACE department signs over the aisles and ACE promotions all over the store.

"All of this was done to create an exciting and enjoyable place for our customers to shop," says Dan. "When people first saw the signs, many thought we wouldn't be carrying as many specialty items as we have in the past, the range of inventory that's made us legendary."

"The exact opposite has actually been the case," says Jeff. "We carry more items and more hard to find parts than ever before. We're bringing in new items every day. Anything our customers want we'll try to carry for them."

Pastime ACE Hardware offers 30,000 square feet of items needed to meet all your hardware needs: ACE paints, hand tools, electrical tools, glass, keys, electrical and plumbing items, builders hardware, garden supplies and housewares.

More than that, the store continues to emphasize the same business philosophy its founders, Dick and Buster Pryde, valued in 1946 when they first established Pastime Hardware: Provide the customer with the best in service and product knowledge, doing that in a clean and friendly environment, and all at a fair price. Today that mission still holds true, as two new generations of Prydes carry forth their fathers' and grandfathers' dream.

"Our entire store is based on service," says Dan.

"Every customer who comes through our doors knows that they can get an experienced hardware person to help them do everything from picking out a 5-cent screw to designing an entire drip irrigation system.

"We give the same attention and quality service to everyone who comes into our store, no matter how much they spend. We realize we are only as good as our customers' perceptions."

Says Don Pryde, Dan's father, "Pastime has been providing individual customer service long before it has become a buzz word in retail. It's the backbone of our business."

"Our service is truly our specialty niche," says Jeff.

Are the Prydes happy with their decision to "Go Ace?" They certainly are. "It's been nothing but a positive to newcomers to our community and new customers to our store who haven't been aware of our out-standing reputation," says Dan. "Some regular customers were at first concerned that things would be different, but once they stepped inside, they realized they still had their good old friend ... Pastime Hardware."

Looking for the best time to give Pastime ACE Hardware a try? Try this weekend. The store is offering sensational Sidewalk Sale values Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28.

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A "new" promotion at Kirby's Restaurant is actually the return of an old favorite. The Kirby's Dozen was a big hit with both old and new customers three years ago; now manager James Pano has brought back the ticket program and added an exciting new feature. In the Kirby's Dozen/ $100 Sweepstakes, everybody's a winner.

Next time you visit the homestyle restaurant, pick up your Kirby's Dozen card. If you purchase a meal that's $5 or more, you'll get your card punched. After you've purchased 12 meals, your next is on the house.

It's a great deal, but that's not all. Flip the card over, fill out your name and address, and you'll be entered in the restaurant's $100 sweepstakes. Then pick up your next card and start the process again. The tickets are good until October 1st.

"The more you fill out, the better the odds at winning," says James. "And you always win, with your 13th meal free."

There will, of course, be one special winner after the October drawing; he or she will walk away with $100. And to make for even more fun, you'll have a second chance for a special prize. The runner up will win a free dinner for two and a half-carafe of wine, all compliments of Kirby's Restaurant.

James also hopes that renewal of the popular ticket program will reinforce the fact that Kirby's is here to stay.

"There's been a lot of confusion about that since the Emporium closed," he says. "We were sad to see them go, especially for our customers, who enjoyed shopping there. But we were never associated with the store. We're been an independent, family-owned business and we plan to continue serving the local community as we have for almost 40 years – with the same good service, quality foods and reasonably priced menu."

Kirby's offers something unique to local residents. It's a family, homestyle restaurant, with meals prepared the old-fashioned way, right in the restaurant's own kitchen (not shipped in packaged and frozen from some central warehouse), and with a growing emphasis on fresh ingredients and health-conscious menu items.

"People may not realize we cook three 30-pound turkeys a day," says James. "We serve hot and cold turkey sandwiches, as well as turkey dinners with the traditional stuffing. Our smoked honey ham is another specialty (our own recipe), and our homemade Greek-style meatloaf reflects our family's heritage. It also tastes great."

Kirby's continues in its ongoing efforts to meet the needs of customers who are watching their diets and cholesterol. Look for a new menu filled with healthy choices and more meatless entrees, including veggie pastas and vegetarian sandwiches.

Adds James, "Our chicken breast sandwiches are a new item: broiled, with an eye toward healthy eating."

Of course, the old favorites are still popular and will continue on the menu: sirloin tips, leg of lamb, corned beef and cabbage.

If there's any change at Kirby's it's a new orientation toward family dining. Kirby offers both a comfortable, informal setting (with highly popular '30s, '40s and '50s background music) and a full children's menu to make families feel welcome.

Affordable menu prices and the relaxed, friendly atmosphere (staff members often know their customers by name) make the restaurant attractive to young and old alike. The restaurant remains a great favorite with seniors, and Kirby's values that loyalty. Complete dinners are offered to seniors at a special rate. The entree is accompanied by soup or salad, rolls and butter, as well as dessert and a beverage.

"It's like a four-course meal," says James.

Daily breakfast specials are a great way to start the day. For just $3.95, you'll be served the daily special (Denver omelettes on Saturdays, for example, or waffles on Wednesdays), along with complimentary coffee or tea. Breakfast is served between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.; a full breakfast menu is also available.

All lunch and dinner items are available a la carte or as a complete meal for those with healthy appetites.

Attentive service is an outgrowth of Kirby's homey, comfortable atmosphere. Staff members work hard to make each visit an enjoyable one. James invites you to visit soon to enjoy a delicious meal and start on your way to the Kirby's Dozen.

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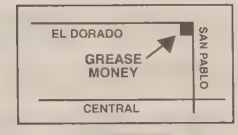
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About 90 percent of the shop's business comes from customers taking advantage of that 10-minute "Car Care Pack."

"Most car owners can double the life of their cars by putting them through a regular maintenance program," says James Stewart, who owns and manages the El Cerrito store.

The care package is offered at a very low price; a special coupon for the service is located in this issue of the RoundUp.

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Grease Monkey staff prides itself on quick, efficient immediately-available service. "We work at the customer's convenience, not our convenience," says James. "That's why it's set up this way."

James returned to the El Cerrito Grease Monkey after holding the position of western regional assistant for Grease Monkey International Corporation.

He bought the business in June 1993 and since then has been working to ensure that his staff can give good advice in preventative care by personally training each member of the crew.

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June and Lisa, who manages the office, are also Certified Travel Counselors, while each staff member has specific areas of expertise, whether with tour groups to the nation's capital, senior outings to Reno, or high adventure possibilities.

June will be happy to share her experiences with anyone planning a trip "down under." She cruised through New Zealand aboard the Marco Polo and enjoyed traveling by land in Australia.

"I keep telling my family and friends how beautiful all the places were we visited," she said. "Everything I've heard about the fascinating sights and beautiful scenery was true, and the experience reinforced all I know about the pleasures of cruising."

Lisa would equally enjoy extolling the sights of Paris, Versailles and the surrounding sights of the French countryside; she recently spent a week there and would be happy to help you plan a great European vacation.

Hawaii also remains a number one destination for individuals and families. Lisa and her husband, Matt, took their nine-month-old son, Will, to Hawaii last year and would be happy to discuss the ins and outs of traveling with small children.

But there's no need to travel so far from home to really "get away from it all." Both Las Vegas and Disneyland are attractive family destinations, says June, who adds, "We're in touch with great hotel packages and all the current airline offers."

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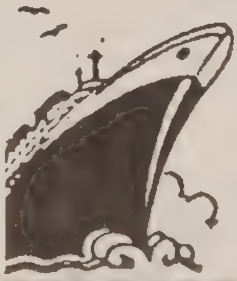
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Getting the right shots and vaccinations for your pets is critical to their good health, but it's not the only contributing factor to a long and healthy life. It may not even be the most important, according to Dr. Lee Prutton of Abbey Pet Hospital.

"There are places you can just get vaccinations, but I think pet owners are losing a lot if they don't get yearly examinations for their dogs and cats," says Dr. Prutton. "It's a system that's worked for years and years. I think if I had to choose between yearly vaccinations or yearly examinations by a veterinarian, I'd choose the exams."

Vaccines are important, but when the dog or cat is older and has had regular shots, they can last a long time, says Dr. Prutton. Exams, though, need to be regular.

"The best example I give to clients has to with dental health," he says. "The most glaring problems I see are usually teeth problems; that's one thing we always check for. If I see a dog or a cat who's over three or four years old, there's a fairly significant chance it will need dental work."

Pets often end up with rotten teeth or other problems because many owners don't look at the teeth.

"People are glad when we can catch problems early," he says. "By the time a cat or dog is eight or nine years old, the teeth can be ready to fall out, the animal can be sick."

Many other problems can be discovered in the exam, from "basic maintenance and routine health problems" to dietary conditions to "tons of skin problems many people ignore.

"With yearly exams, we can catch things before they go too long; it's human nature to let things go."

And it doesn't cost as much as some people think. For a normal yearly exam, Dr. Prutton charges only $19 "no matter how many of your animals you bring in.

"For $19, you can sit down and talk to a veterinarian; I'll make sure you know what you need to know about flea control, heartworm and worming, and other issues."

All dogs should be checked for worms regularly. Pet owners shouldn't relax because they can't see them; they're only visible in a microscope. Eighty to 90 percent of dogs get worms, he says. If your dog hasn't been dewormed recently, he may well have them.

Heartworm is another area critical for dog owners to understand, another reason to take advantage of the educational information a veterinarian can share with you.

"When I take my kids to their pediatrician, I just don't get the shots and go," says Dr. Prutton. "I'm getting an education from their pediatrician."

Dr. Prutton often gives advice on important issues at the exams, whether diet or flea control. Behavioral issues are very important to him. The yearly exam is the perfect time to ask questions, particularly about how to train a young animal.

He is very concerned when he sees an older animal who has received kitten or puppy shots without an examination and then comes to the vet several years later for the first time.

"The most important thing with kittens and puppies is to raise them correctly," he says. "If they get to be adults with problems, it's because their owners didn't train them correctly when they were young."

According to Dr. Prutton, 5,000 cats and dogs were put to sleep in Contra Costa County this past year.

"Humane society statistics say that seventy-five percent of them are there because of poor socialization. People didn't do a good job raising their puppies and kittens; then they get rid of them when they have behavioral problems later.

"People view good care as just getting the right shots for their puppies, but you have to raise the dog correctly for it to become a good adult. People mess up their puppies' training, then end up giving it away when they could have a good relationship with their dog

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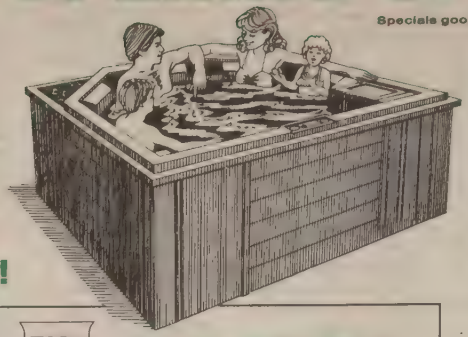
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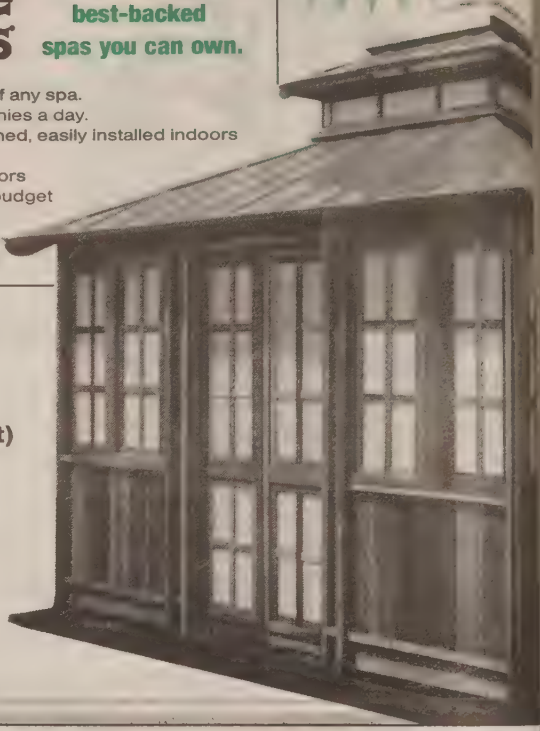
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If you've always dreamed of having a spa, you can't take a better first step than to visit Spa-Land Design in Richmond. Owners Don and Patti Taylor have created a unique dealership that not only offers top quality spas but allows customers to envision their potential settings.

When you visit Spa-Land, you'll see models of spas, saunas, wood, gas and pellet stoves, and gazebos, manufactured by the Taylors to accompany the spas they sell, though they're adaptable to many other uses.

Setting a spa inside a gazebo isn't enough, however. At their American Canyon store, Spa-Land Gardens and Nursery, the Taylors have gathered together wonderful plants and landscaping items designed to enhance and beautify the spa's setting.

"A spa is a major purchase, and most people are quite willing to make the drive after visiting the Richmond store," says Don. "It's sort of a one-two punch thing. Here, you can get a real good overview of our product lines. At the two-acre parcel at American Canyon (just outside Vallejo), you can see them set up in landscape and parklike settings."

(Some like to combine that trip with a visit to the wine country; it's right on the way.)

Because the Taylors realize that a spa is indeed a major purchase, they offer a lifetime discount of 20 percent on all plants and flowers they'll buy at the nursery. It's an encouragement to customers to take their time in planning, making one improvement at a time, so they'll end up with what they really want.

"You can buy your spa one year, your gazebo the next, the plants one by one," says Don. "We orient people to take things step by step, to envision what they'd like to do while bubbling away in the spa."

That orientation reflects a change in the spa market. In the late '70s, people would buy whole packages, including landscaping, Don said. His own business is geared toward the do-it-yourselfer who wants to create something that's unique and individual.

The recession has also had a major influence. As time goes by, Spa-Land is growing more and more competitive in pricing and more diversified to meet the needs of today's customers.

The spa business has itself changed over the years. A general contractor, Don used to construct the whole thing from scratch for his clients; at that time, portable spas were just coming on the market.

"We had to do everything, from designing the hole in the deck to deciding where the spouts should go," said Don. "Now you can come into the showroom and find the unit all complete in itself.

"We deliver it like a major appliance, and you fill it with a garden hose."

The company specializes in Sundance Portable Spas, "the Cadillac of the business," says Don. "Sundance Portable spas recently got award for all innovation in technology."

The difficult part is which model to choose; there are so many options available at Spa-Land. Then comes the decision about which gazebo will fit the look you're trying to create.

It was always Don's dream to design gazebos perfectly suited for both spa and other uses. Now he has designed the line of gazebos his store manufactures and sells. It was his and Patti's vision to bring together all the elements of a wonderful spa setting into one business in order to best accommodate the needs of their spa customers, whom they've been serving for 15 years.

Spa-land's gazebos are basically modular buildings, constructed from panels that can be arranged in different ways – one door, two doors, doors in different places. They're made from top-quality kiln-dried redwood, roofs are similar... on mountain cedar... units can be delivered... installed in one day.

"Basically, they're... and they're extremely satile," says Don... can be modified to... studios, even exercise... rooms. I'm constantly... amazed when people... them and say 'I'... to buy the spa.' ...

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The enclosures are inexpensive, with a typical... 9x13 running under... $4,000. Basically, they... can be delivered and... installed in one day. (Spa prices range from... $1,995 to $6,500.)

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den with a Shoji-style enclosure, for example.

Through the displays they've designed, the Taylors have worked to make the planning process much easier.

"Usually people have an idea of what they want, but they may have trouble envisioning it exactly. Between the two stores, they can see something and say, 'I want that in my backyard.'

"There are also a number of modifications we can make to fit any specific situation," he said. "We give lots of help with design."

Spa-Land is open every day of the week and has a 24-hour phone message system. There is no obligation to buy, even following the free, in-home consultation.

"Usually people drop by the showrooms, ask questions and pick up the information," says Don. "A consultation at home may follow. I take their ideas and spend time sketching out scenarios as to what I would do.

"I'm the only one I know who visits people's homes in that way.

Another rare service offered at Spa-Land is its maintenance and service department.

"We don't contract out for service," says Don, who keeps three service and maintenance technicians busy all year long taking care of about 12,000 spas. "We take the responsibility...and it means we can service people's spas a lot faster. For some people, spas are therapeutic; they need to keep them in good operating shape."

Spa-land distributes its products around the world, from the Sierras to Alaska and Japan. The Taylors invite you to envision what your life could be like with a relaxing spa, a charming gazebo, or a lovely garden combination. They're ready to assist you in assembling exactly the right products for your needs.

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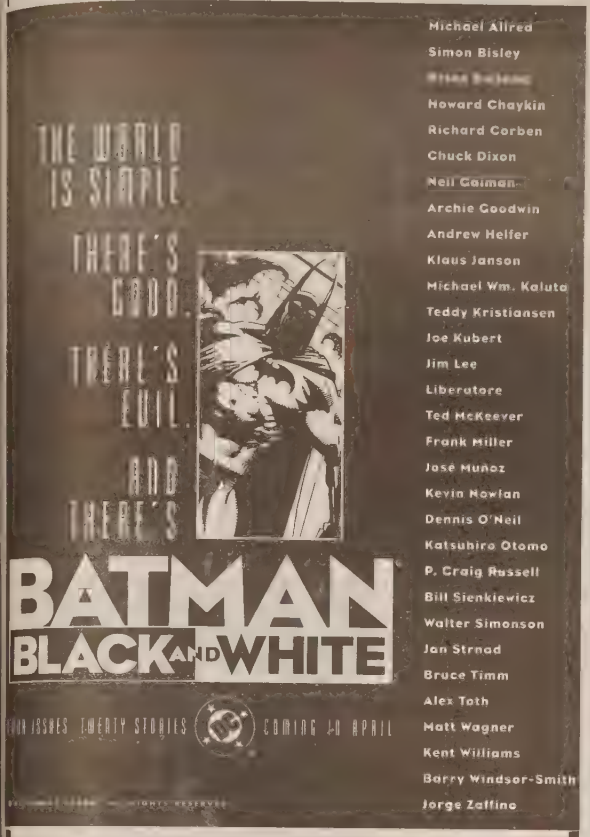
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Several years after graduating from the University of California, Bill Pezick found that a job offering tax advice had turned into a career. "Saving clients money by solving puzzles is great fun!" says Bill. "Helping people through combining technical knowledge with clear communicating is very satisfying. Every person or situation is unique in some way. Also, continuing tax changes keep my attention: many new regulations and interpretations are surprisingly favorable to the taxpayer." April 15th marked Bill's 21st season as a tax professional.

Since 1985, as a registered Securities Representative, Bill began providing investment services, with more financial planning variety growing over time, as he became a Certified Financial Planner *(CFP)* ... identifies ... 23,000 financial planners ... who have met rigorous experience and ethical requirements ... and have passed certification exams ... in the financial planning process, risk management, investments, tax planning and management, retirement and employee benefits, and estate planning," according to the International Board for CFP's.

In 1994, he became a Registered Securities Principal, representing Foothill Securities, Member NASD/SIPC, a Northern California-based broker/dealer established in 1962. "No other broker/dealer I know is more independent of particular sales pressures. Foothill has no proprietary product or inventory of securities to sell. Nevertheless, we can buy and sell on the exchanges. We have a very competitive range of services and products. The client comes first; and planning before sales."

Multiple Skills Help Identify Opportunities

A significant part of Bill's investments planning experience has been planning for and working with changes in circumstances, like inheritance, retirement, or divorce. His tax practice has emphasized a number of issues, particularly investments, self-employment, real estate, trusts, and estates. Sometimes multiple perspectives help: "Recently a client consulted me about planning his 80's. He wanted to avoid estate tax and share what he had accumulated with his family. Among his main goals were (1) improving investment performance, and (2) identifying what and when to give his children and grandchildren. Recommendations could have been contradictory, but I identified changes which helped both goals."

Investments Can and Should Make Sense

People want to understand their investments better, says Pezick. "In my experience, people like 'informed consent.' They want to be able to make decisions, not just follow orders. They relax when they feel informed. Planning can also reduce that sense of 'roll of the dice' and the temptation to buy high and sell low. 'I feel comfortable with this decision' is music to my ears."

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Bill's office is located on Solano Avenue – several doors west of the Albany Post Office. He may be contacted weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; during tax season, these hours expand. In order to give you his full attention, he will reserve an appointment time for you and may have to return your call.

Bill has served as Treasurer of the Bay Area Socially Responsible Investment Professionals.

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"You can take it home and take your time deciding exactly what you'd like to do," says Glenn. "The magazine has beautiful photographs of products from most of the manufacturers we carry. Anything we don't have in our showroom right now can easily be special ordered.

"You'll find CASUAL DECOR to be tremendously helpful and informative."

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CASUAL DECOR will describe for you the various categories of casual furniture, based on frame material, describing exactly what to expect from each variety.

Aluminum, for example, is by far the most popular material for deck, sunporch or patio furniture. (Casual furniture is often even preferred for living room decor.)

Aluminum furniture is easy to move and durable. It comes in a wide variety of styles. Like steel furniture, it is usually "powder-coated" (sealed in a plastic finish that is thick, glossy and durable) instead of painted.

Resin furniture is "the darling of outdoor furniture in Europe, where it commands upwards of 90 percent of the casual furniture market. Resin is actually polypropylene – plastic to which chemicals have been added to enhance strength, whiteness, and resistance to dirt and the sun.

Resin can sell for $9.95 per chair or $2,000 for a set. The difference is not discernible to the naked eye. Better resin furniture uses more raw material (it's heavier) with superior weather-fighting chemicals and has a glossier finish.

Wood furniture is available in pine, white oak, redwood, cypress, teak, mahogany, cedar, maple, birch and beech, as well as an array of exotic African hardwoods, like bubinga and ovengkol. CASUAL WOODS advises looking for a seal of approval from Friends of the Earth or certification that the wood was plantation harvested in order to avoid exotic woods (including teak) harvested from tropical rainforests.

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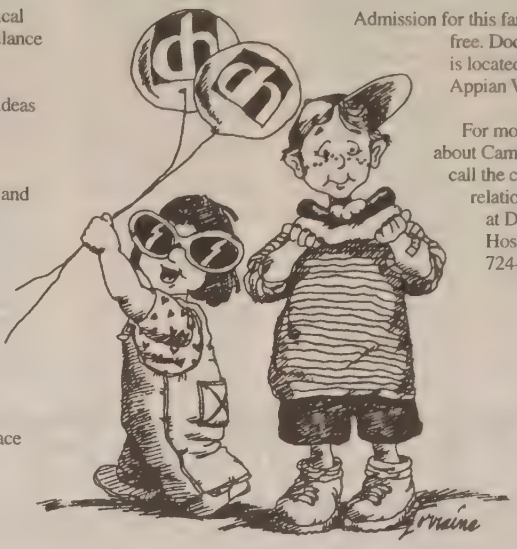
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"To avoid having your vacation spoiled by a breakdown," says Leon, "before you leave, change transmission fluid and filter and have any necessary adjustments made.

"If your trip includes towing a trailer or a boat, or driving in extreme heat, you should consider installing an auxiliary transmission cooler. Overheated fluid accelerates transmission wear."

Leon, who is into his eleventh year of assisting the drivers of this community at his present location, is more than a little proud of the top quality service his firm provides.

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Richmond Transmission has the manpower required to meet all these goals — two master technicians and two service technicians. Leon himself has over 20 years experiences in the transmission business, and the remainder of the staff are certified, experienced mechanics.

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Still in the advice-giving mood, Leon suggest that drivers have their transmission checked annually. At Richmond Transmission these yearly service checks include new fluid and pan gaskets, as well as minor adjustments and filter and screen cleaning.

"Your car," says Leon, "is a major investment. To keep it in shape you want professional assistance you can count on. We stand behind all our work with a one year warranty on all parts and labor."

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"As everybody knows, we're right at the beginning of flea season," says Dr. Waidhofer. "And this year will probably be worse than most years, since this was one of the warmest winters I remember."

Cold kills some fleas and slows down the reproduction cycle of those who survive; that's why in cold climates like Denver, pet owners don't have the same concerns as those who live in the East Bay, with its warmer winter months.

"Fortunately, products like Program are now available," says Dr. Waidhofer. "To date, it's the safest flea control product ever, and it's quite effective."

The product works by breaking the life cycle of the flea. The cat or dog takes a pill once a month. (Other forms are available). When the flea bites, it will lay a sterile egg. After about 90 days, the last fleas to hatch to maturity will have died out.

"Program has been out for about a year now," he says. "We know the results are there. Most of our customers have reported extremely good experiences."

According to Dr. Waidhofer, Program works well with animals who live at home and stay in their own yards. Dogs who go out for walks daily, or cats who wander, may pick up fleas from untreated animals and will need extra protection from adult fleas – sprays or powders.

Home treatments, flea bombs and sprays, are not absolutely necessary, he adds, though they will speed up the process of ridding your home of fleas.

And research continues.

"Other products are on the way, though they probably won't be available until late summer or early fall," he says. "We're seeing one new wave of products after the next, and it looks like each will outdo the rest."

PetVet will offer all the up-to-date products as they become available, as well as the old tried-and-trues.

"The traditional means still work well, though they are more labour-intensive: dips, baths, sprays and powders," says Dr. Waidhofer. "All are effective, and our staff will be happy to advise you on their use."

The store also offers a full selection of nutritious foods for dogs, cats, birds and small animals, including a complete supply of all RX products, including C/D, A/D and R/D, to name just a few.

PetVet carries high-tech items in the small domestic line, from toys to new quality food combinations, including built-in vitamin supplements. Dry and canned dog and cat foods offer a choice of price as well as ingredients. Economical large bags of food and nutritional supplements are also available, as are vegetarian options.

PetVet still offers its well-known, and inexpensive, vaccine clinic every Saturday, Sunday and Monday, at both the El Cerrito and Oakland stores from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except for the weekend of May 4-6). The doctors encourage you to keep current with all the vaccinations your pets need; it's one of the best preventative steps you can take to ensure your pet's good health.

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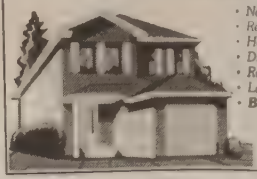
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are being interviewed. At the next scheduled meeting, Monday, May 13, the planning team will present the "concept plan," for further input and fine tuning; hopefully, a community "consensus" will be reached.

Presentation of the development strategy for the area will be made to the city council at its Monday, June 3 meeting. The presentation should include a slide show summarizing the South Gateway development plan, including design and marketing elements.

Race Studio will also assist the city in identifying administrative activities necessary to market and implement the initial stage of the proposed development, recommend appropriate regulatory requirements for the area, and recommend a financing approach for implementing the plan.

"The goal of this process is to develop a strategic or concept plan for the area to help guide us in how to plan various components of the area and to help us work with the private sector in revitalizing and rebuilding the Plaza area," said Redevelopment Agency chair Norman LaForce.

"We felt we needed a community consensus or vision to go out into the private sector and work with existing or future owners to bring new business into the area."

LaForce also pointed out that certain plans have been "in the works" for a long time.

"We want to know when we go forward with them that they integrate into a plan for the whole area," he said, pointing to the BART garage as a good example. In considering the best location for that structure, the community will need to consider the context of the whole area, he said. That means integrating existing proposals with existing and future issues and thinking through specifics: how could it be integrated with the Plaza? Should people walk to the structure from BART while passing through a commercial area?

"We want every element to help the area work as an integrated whole," said LaForce. "The (issue at stake) is making the South Gateway Development Area a revitalized commercial and residential focal point in the city.

"We don't want to simply focus on how to revitalize the Plaza so it will work as a shopping center; we want people to step back and think big... about the whole southern section of the city. The old patterns aren't going to work."

All decisions, he said, will have to be made with "the greater question in mind: what's best for the whole South Gateway Development Area and what's best for the city as a whole?"

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The Chamber: An Advocate for Concerned Members

EL CERRITO CHAMBER

Pat Malailua has big plans for the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce this year. The new president of the Chamber says its board of directors envisions a new direction for the organization and its membership.

"We recognize that things have to change, and we're looking for ideas on how changing the Chamber itself would better serve the business community," says Pat. "We're trying to take a more active role in being supportive of the business community and in being receptive to the its needs and comments."

The Chamber of Commerce is actively soliciting input as to how the business community is functioning in El Cerrito. When there are problems, the board wants to help.

Recently, for example, the Chamber received several communications from members voicing their belief that the new commercial zoning district proposed for the Plaza and its environs was "not a good thing." They were concerned that properties might be too much under the control of the city, Pat says.

Though the new zoning was eventually approved by the city council, "the Chamber took an active role in approaching the city with merchant concerns," she says.

In the same way, the Chamber had, several months earlier, brought certain concerns of small business owners about the utility users tax to the council.

"In the past, the idea was, 'Don't rock the boat with the city,'" says Pat. "We are working now to be an advocate for concerned members, and we know we'll have to take particular stands on certain issues on behalf of the business community."

Since Pat became president of the Chamber, she has received several calls from citizens' groups "expressing their interest and concern for keeping the Plaza going." Those citizens have also told her they are "doing what they can to get people in the area to support the merchants in the Plaza" and are willing to meet with the Chamber and the Plaza merchants to see how working together might lead to positive changes.

"I'm encouraged to see that," she says.

As a Plaza merchant herself (she manages the Plaza office of the Mechanics Bank), Pat shares the community's interest in revitalizing El Cerrito Plaza. It's an interest also shared by all the city's business community and the Chamber board.

"I would like to see the Chamber, the city, the Merchants Association of El Cerrito Plaza, and other community groups interested in saving the Plaza take an active part in conveying their interest and in making the [illegible] community in the end area one that thrives," she says.

Pat's especially excited about one idea the [illegible] currently considering: a city-wide festival specifically designed to draw attention to all of Cerrito's business community has to offer.

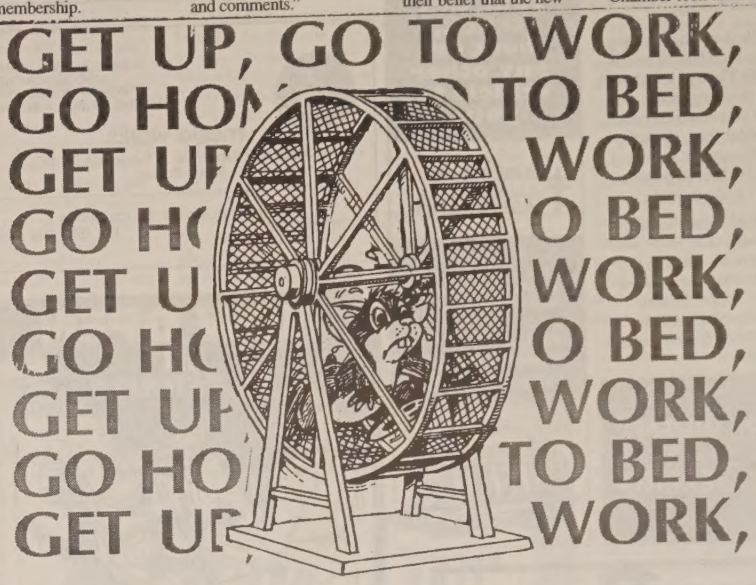
"We would hope all the city's businesses would participate in it," she says. "We'd like to give El Cerrito the same kind of identity the Solano merchants and El Sobrante merchants are working to attain through their annual strolls, for example.

"Several cities have one big event every year, one that the whole city becomes involved in. The Chamber would like to sponsor such an event that will bring people to El Cerrito to see all the community's business to offer."

Even the city's own residents, she says, "need to look closer to home, revisit the uniqueness and quality of the small businesses in their own community."

Pat encourages more merchants and professionals to call the Chamber office to see what it has to offer. Lunches, meetings, for example, continue to be good places to network but will take on a stronger business orientation in the future, and especially to encourage their own "creative ideas."

"A new direction," she says, is what "needs to happen to make El Cerrito's businesses grow and thrive."



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active. She goes to the St. John's Activity Center next door and goes out with her godchildren and local friends whenever she wants. Added to that, she attends the current events programs, plays bingo three days a week, exchanges books through the library at El Cerrito Royale, enjoys doing weekly group crossword puzzles and her favorite Saturday activity, watching movies. Susan also enjoys spending quiet time in her room, which has a beautiful view of the El Cerrito hills.

Exercise is important to Susan, too; she joins a group that walks every morning and participates in mild exercise routines at El Cerrito Royale.

Naturally, a person like Susan is also big on volunteering. She serves on the Welcoming Committee at El Cerrito Royale, helps with the monthly birthday party celebrations, volunteers as the payout for bingo, passes out donuts at the Saturday morning coffee and helps with other socials, as well as Holiday Celebrations.

What does Susan like most about living at El Cerrito Royale?

"I like the feeling of security and the fact that I can invite my friends here," she says. "I also never have cause to complain."

Everything at El Cerrito Royale reflects the respect the ownership and staff have for its senior residents. The attractive landscaping, the comfortably furnished rooms, and the beautifully appointed decor make the retirement home look a lot more like a luxury hotel.

Susan recommends that if you are considering a move to El Cerrito Royale, you visit to see all it has to offer. (She will even be happy to show you around.)

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FOODS CO

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Dennis has been with FoodsCo since its beginning but just came to manage the El Cerrito store two months ago.

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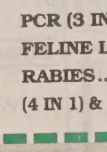
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